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How to go from girl friend to girlfriend

Crushing hard on your best guy bud? Make the move from chummy to coupled up...without saying a word.



You and your BGF have been a perfect pair since preschool. But lately, your feelings for your bud have gone from friendly to flirty. Now what? Taking the leap from just friends to more can be tricky. Move too fast and you'll freak him out. Wait too long and you may miss a major opportunity. If you're ready to make that boy your BF, here are five ways to tackle the transition with all the right moves.

SWITCH THINGS UP

Every day after school, you and your guy wind up playing Wii 'til it's time for dinner. Fun stuff, but if you want him to see you as more than just his bud, you've gotta bust out of that routine. Change things up by suggesting that you two check out that new Bruce Willis flick he's been dying to see or ask him if he wants to grab a smoothie. Keep it low-key—no fancy dinners or over-the-top activities—but do something out of the

ordinary, just the two of ya. He should get the message loud and clear that you're ready to take it to the next level—without you even having to say it out loud.

FLIRT A LITTLE

Expressing yourself with a little body language can subtly show your BGF you're interested in being more than pals. We're not suggesting you break out the hair twirl and start blowing kisses at him during class, but there's a way to flirt without making things awkward. Touch his arm when you're chatting. Smile at him from across the caf. Compliment his new shirt. By offering up a little more attention than usual, you'll get on his GF radar and send him all the right signals that, yes, you like him like *that*.

COMPARE HIM TO OTHER CUTIES

Your BGF is everything you ever wanted in a guy, right? Well, let him know it! In

an indirect way, of course. Start by drawing some comparisons to guys like him. Do ya think Michael Cera is adorably hilarious? Bring up a funny scene from *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* and then say, "You know, he kinda reminds me of you." Or mention your older sister's soccer stud of a boyfriend and tell him, "He's good and all, but you could *totally* take him." Hopefully, he'll put two and two together and realize what you're thinking. Bonus? You'll boost your boy's confidence by letting him know you view him in an amazing light.

SHOW HIM ANOTHER SIDE

Your BGF is used to you being all-business in student government meetings or talking smack on the b-ball court. And sure, he likes you just fine like that. But if you wanna step up your game, it's time to show him a different side. Instead of calling him up to review the class budget again, invite him over to sample a few cupcake recipes so he can decide which one you should make for the bake sale. Or ask him to go for a run on that secret trail you love instead of hitting the hoops court again. Revealing your hidden talents and interests will open his eyes to another version of you—one he can envision coupling up with in the near future.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

While using one guy to get another's attention is a serious no-no, showing your BGF that you're a girl other guys dig is a surefire way to get on his radar (welcome to every teen rom com ever). Find someone fun to flirt with, hang with, sit on the bus with, whatever. Keep it casual, as too much, too fast could just lead to hurt feelings and heartbreak all around. Chances are, your BGF will notice other guys scoring your attention—and that'll set off an alarm that he has to make his move before it's too late. If he *still* doesn't make a move? Then it might just be time for you to move on. After all, there are plenty of other cuties out there who'll be crushing on you! ✨