

It's about style, panache, and letting the one you love know you're there for him or her.

This Valentine's Day, don't let your loved one down! The AntiCraft Staff has put together a few tips and tricks for the burgeoning stalker.

STEP ONE: ASSEMBLE YOUR STOLKER KIT

An unprepared stalker is a stalker who can't claim to really care about his or her stalkee! First, select a suitable briefcase for carrying your must-haves. For extra-secret studliness, print out the "Not A Stalker" stencil included in this article and use it to label your briefcase. Remember, neatness counts! The more professional-looking your stencil job, the more likely passersby are to believe it and not call the cops if they glimpse you hiding in the bushes. Now, to fill it with cool stalker gear!

- A journal for recording the comings and goings of your stalkee
- A writing utensil
- A thermos of hot coffee to keep you warm and awake on long overnight stalkings
- A camera with a good zoom (eliminates the need to also carry binoculars)
- A book of sudoku puzzles to entertain you while your stalkee is occupied
- Plastic baggies for gathering evidence

STEP TWO: PREPORE YOUR SHRINE

Your shrine is what tells your stalkee how you really feel about them. The bigger the shrine, the greater the feeling, so remember to all go out on this one! The best shrines encompass an entire room or apartment; no silly closet shrines for you! Don't know where to start? Typically, shrines to your loved one will include:

- Photographs and sketches of your stalkee
- Objects your stalkee has lost and you have found (used gum, receipts, hair, etc.)
- Candles for setting the mood
- Book of Love Spells
- Cache of Sharpie markers for defacing your stalkee's images when they do not reciprocate your affections.

STEP THREE: SHOW YOUR LOVE

Gift giving is a time-honored tradition between stalker and stalkee. Giving gifts to your stalkee not only brings them pleasure but allows them to get to know you a little better, too, as every gift has a bit of the giver in it. No, not literally, no matter what you've heard about Van Gogh. A gift to your stalkee should express the depth of your feelings for him or her, while avoiding the messy legal proceedings that often follow beheading your stalkee's beloved pet. (This has been tested by many previous stalkers, and the stalkee in question is never pleased.) Approach gift-giving as if you were interviewing to be your stalkee's mate. Below we've listed some excellent gift-giving options.

- Letter of recommendation from a celebrity stalker
- Conversation heart candies nailed to raw meat (innovation)
- A mannequin head made to look like your stalkee (attention to detail)
- Messages of love, delivered by local hobos whose help you have enlisted (delegation of tasks)
- Poems in honor of the stalkee (professional development)
- Valentine's Day Card included in this article (working well with others)

And there you have it, professional stalking, as easy as 1-2-3! Be sure to check your local laws so you know exactly what you're up against, and remember, The AntiCraft is not responsible for what you do with any of this information. Should you decide to stalk us, however, consider that you can't play a player. (Oh, and Renée's favorite color is orange.)

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