

The Chris Slattery Guide to Picking Up Chicks During the Last Few Days of October
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Halloween is such a romantic time of year. Maybe it's the never-ending palette of leaves, or the intoxicating aroma of pumpkins, or the absolute frigidness of the weather that makes me want to reach out and touch somebody (in only vaguely sexual ways).

Forget Valentine's Day, with its overcommercialization and naked baby mascot; Halloween is far more badass, and—in that way—the perfect time to find that special someone.

So, here it is, fellas: The Chris Slattery Guide To Picking Up Chicks During the Last Few Days of October.

1. **Girls love chocolate.** Guys, what's better than giving a gift? How about giving a gift that you didn't have to pay for in the first place? And where's the best place to get free candy? How about Trick 'r Treating?

As it turns out, girls also love apples stuffed with razor blades, which are also given out in abundance.

2. **Pick a sexually explicit costume.** If there's one thing that girls like, it's a man who is overly-confident with his body. For example, when a nudist sprints out in the middle of a sports stadium, thousands of women cheer (with the exception of the female soccer team whose game was just interrupted by a loony streaker—and one lady in the stands, hiding her face from the embarrassing proposal taking place on the field by her loony streaker).

So, if you show up at a costume party with a bow on your belt or with a fake buttocks hanging out of your costume, women will flock to you, or maybe even applaud; it's their kind of humor.

3. **Girls love autumn leaves.** It's in the books they read, in the poems they recite, in the paintings they purchase and hang in their bathrooms with decorative soaps also shaped like autumn leaves. I even suspect that some women cook with leaves in their pumpkin pies.

Use this knowledge wisely, gentlemen.

4. **Rent a stupidly scary movie.** Nothing brings people together more than the sight of people getting mutilated on-screen. Girls love these kinds of movies, and find it especially helpful when you tap them on the shoulder and chant, “Watch this part, watch this part!” And if they miss any parts you find especially gory, rewind the movie and wait for them to shower you with appreciation.

As a side note, I’ve noticed that torture movies are highly regarded among the gentler sex, and they tend to take notes, muttering “This guy knows what he’s doing...”

5. **Girls love that fall odor.** A mix of crushed leaves, carved jack o’lanterns, and flaming bags of dog feces on Devil’s Night really turns the ladies on. The smell only rivals that of an entire can of Axe bodyspray.

And so, good sirs, if you can’t pick up chicks with advice of this caliber, you might as well give up dating altogether, as you obviously do not possess the abilities to be marginally romantic during this sentimental time of year. Try again on Valentine’s Day, you sappy SOB.

Now if you’ll excuse me, I have some work to do, after last year’s Trick ‘r Treating, when all I got was a rock.

6. **Girls do not love rocks.**