



More Than a Latte

Meet “The One” at Starbucks

You don't have to go to a bar or a mixer to meet a lover. You can meet that special person the next time you are in a Starbucks. It is commonplace to arrange a first get together at Starbucks with someone we have met online. Few of us make a serious effort to meet someone when in a Starbucks.

The great thing about Starbucks, unlike a singles activity or a bar, is it is a completely natural place to be. There is no reason to feel self-conscious. Everyone drinks coffee or tea. People are there to meet friends, work and relax. Consider it a destination.

You can *connect naturally™* when you are in a Starbucks. If you don't believe you can, you won't. Your attitude will prevent you from seeing and taking advantage of the possibilities. An inviting smile helps smooth the way.

Every Starbucks Is Not the Same

Some locations offer much better meeting possibilities than others. The size and layout of a store does affect the probabilities of meeting. A small takeout Starbucks and one geared to tourists' offers the fewest possibilities. It is mainly a grab and go environment.

A neighborhood Starbucks with a community table is ideal. The seats lining the windows and any tables that are close enough for you to comfortably make contact are also good. Sit next to someone who you want to meet. If there is no possibility around, relax and enjoy

your drink. If you do not connect this time, there is next time. When someone you are interested in does show up, sit or get within speaking distance. Either of you can get something going.

A neighborhood Starbucks that has the right layout and attracts the type of people you are looking for can be visited regularly. It's like dropping into your favorite pub. Sometimes you have a drink and move on and other times you have dinner and are in no hurry to leave. The better a “Lover Shopper” you are, the better you will do whenever you dip into a Starbucks.

Quietly Become Involved

Anytime you step into a Starbucks sparks can fly. You can be standing at the bar waiting for a drink, you can be looking at the various items for sale and someone can ask a question and you are off and running.

A good conversation starter is, “How do you get on the Wi-Fi?” The question is not personal and can lead to an unexpected conversation and a great relationship. As I have been saying for years, “You only need one good one.”

Love is just a hello away.