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## Lip-smacking good ideas

### How to find someone to kiss New Year's Eve

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The countdown comes, the champagne flows and the ball drops. There's nothing sadder than the one guy or girl left unsmooched on New Year's Eve.

And with only seven days to go, scoring a date in this city is a mad dash to the finish. It's not, however, impossible.

1. "Recycling is good for the environment and for your love life," says Mike Satsky, owner of Stereo nightclub, where love matches happen every night. "Start calling around to your exes (the ones who still take your calls) and see who is available for the big night. It's comfortable and you're pretty much guaranteed to get lucky."

2. "It's crunch time," says Kristin Kelly, dating expert at match.com. "Chat people up wherever you go. Initiate conversations while you're waiting to order your coffee, or at the bank, anywhere, to expand your social network. Also, give people a reason to chat you up - carry a recent best seller with you to thumb through and wear a T-shirt that says something interesting."

3. "We've been hearing a lot of speed-dating success stories lately," says Josey Miller, the Love and Sex Editor at ivillage.com. "Try the speed dating event at En Bar in SoHo on Dec. 28. If that's too intimidating, make new year's your excuse to finally make the first move at your local bar or go for the hot nerds. They might just be your best bet for a last-minute date. Pete's Candy Store in Brooklyn is hosting a spelling bee at 7:30 on Christmas Day."

4. "Try to create a group date," says Sinclair Bolden, a bartender at Cain. "That way the person you are bringing out won't feel so intimidated. Invite both your friends and their friends and that way the expectations won't be too high."

She shoots, she fails!

If, come the Dec. 31 party you're still date-less, don't invite a stranger off the street.

1. "Flirt your ass off," says Cooper Lawrence, author of "Been There, Done That, Kept the Jewelry." "Bring out your inner slut (it's not just for Halloween anymore). That's the whole thing about a new year's party. It's all about having a good time and at 11:59 making sure you are front and center in front of the person you want to kiss."

2. Plan ahead. "Don't go in a group of the same sex because then you aren't going to be approached," says Shoshanna Rikon, matchmaker, at shoshannasmatches.com.

"Maybe have one person with you, but go alone if you can because that makes you much more approachable. Make sure you are talking to your target well before midnight. Touch

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the person on their hand or their arm to establish physical contact early."

3. And finally, if you've got someone in your clutches, "whisper in the left ear of the person you want to kiss," says psychotherapist Dr. Gilda Carle. "It's connected to the right brain, which is the part that arouses romance. Do it right before midnight and it will will inspire a nice juicy smooch."

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