You’ve found the person that makes your heart skip a beat. But how can you make sure that special someone takes you seriously as a potential love interest? Don’t get stuck in the friendship rut. Follow these tips to clearly make yourself a player in the dating game.

Light up your life

Who says romance should only be reserved for weekends? Promote passion every day of the week, especially if you’re just meeting for lunch — a notorious friendship danger zone. Set the mood with a candle, soft music and charming conversation. Your efforts surely won’t go unnoticed.

Stall at the front door

If your sweetie is kind enough to walk you to your door, don’t let him slip away without a good night kiss. If he’s totally clueless, buy yourself some time on the stoop by fumbling with your keys or applying lipstick until he catches on.
Conquer the Pillow Wall
If you’re just “sleeping over,” don’t let pillows stop you from showing your true feelings. Peek over the wall and confess your undying affections. You’ll feel better about yourself — and your relationship — in the morning.

Pay for Everything
Even if she’s just buying some snacks, let her know you’re willing to be her sugar daddy. Sure, it may get pricey, but that’s what the free pennies at the register are for. She’ll appreciate your generosity.

"Y'see, when a girl decides that you're her friend, you're no longer a dating option. You become a complete non-sexual entity in her eyes, like a brother... or a lamp." - Just Friends (2005)

Go Campaniling
Every true Iowa Stater knows the appeal of the Campanile. This landmark of love arouses feelings of romance in anyone who walks by. So ask your beloved to meet you there anytime. After all, getting stuck in the friend zone is a serious matter and waiting until midnight could mean relationship suicide.

Hug Someone
If the classic ass-out hug was designed to salvage an awkward situation so the “hug-ee” doesn’t get the wrong idea, give him the right one with the trusty ass-in hug. It’s easy to do — even novice daters can master this move — and it’s a surefire way to let him know you’re happy to see him.

Bring your Toothbrush
If you’re headed over to his place to hang out, don’t forget personal hygiene products, such as your toothbrush. Your breath will be minty fresh and totally kissable, and your message will be perfectly clear: You’re planning on sticking around for a while.