



# Meet the world's sexiest woman

Men want her, women want to be her – *Mad Men* star Christina Hendricks is Hollywood's hottest siren. She tells *Cosmo* her secrets of true sexiness – and reveals her own real-life fairy tale

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heryl Cole? Pah. Blake Lively? Forget it. The only woman we want to look like since our *Cosmo* covershoot in Hollywood is Christina Hendricks. Not only is she jaw-droppingly beautiful

(much more so in the flesh, which is rare), but her killer curves could make women – and, no doubt, some men – weep. The fact that she’s also smart, successful and absolutely charming only makes our girl crush go off the scale...

“I’m still tongue-tied,” she chuckles when we ask how it feels to be regularly hailed as the sexiest woman in the world. “It’s incredibly flattering and surprising, and I didn’t think for a second when I started *Mad Men* that people would talk about me as being sexy or a pin-up. My husband [*500 Days Of Summer* actor Geoffrey Arend] has a good laugh about it, of course.”

Vivienne Westwood hailed her “the embodiment of beauty” and she was even namechecked in parliament, with Equalities Minister Lynne Featherstone enthusing, “Christina Hendricks is absolutely fabulous... a curvy role model. It shouldn’t be so unusual.” It all adds up to one hot proposition: a Hollywood actress who really is real.

However, there’s more to Christina than her red-hot looks. Her success is, in part, thanks to one of TV’s best female characters: Joan Holloway/Harris in *Mad Men* (Not watched it yet? Order the box set NOW!). But it’s also down to her willingness to put in the hours for what she wants. “If I worked in an office like Joan,” she says, “I’d be the one working hard and playing hard!”

Here, she talks all things sexy with *Cosmo* – from confidence to the L word.

**So, what’s sexiness to you?**

“Sexiness is about confidence and individuality. I can’t keep my eyes off the women you see in cities like London, New York and Paris – the ways they carry themselves and put themselves together

are always so unique. Sexiness is about being an individual and having conviction about what that is.”

**What do you think men find sexy?**

[Laughs] “I can give you a quick, easy list of the top five. I think it’s obvious that men are more visual than women. But that’s just the initial attraction. At the end of the day, I think they want the same as us: the sense of humour and having someone to talk to.”

**What do you think men want out of a relationship?**

“Oh, gosh, if I could answer that question I’d have a best-selling book! I like to think men and women want the same things when it comes down to it: to be understood, respected and taken care of. We can all take care of ourselves, but we still want someone else to try.”

**What do you find sexy in a guy?**

“Confidence, a sense of humour... and I love it when a man has good friends. That shows a good character. It’s very attractive.”

**You married Geoffrey in 2009. How did you meet?**

“Through Vincent Kartheiser, who plays Pete Campbell in *Mad Men*. Vinnie invited several friends to a place in LA called the Magic Castle – me being one. Geoffrey walked in and I was like, “Who is this guy?” He had amazing hair and was all dishevelled – he was running late and everyone was waiting for him. He just came in with this very high energy.”

**So it was instant?**

“Yeah, although we had both recently gone through break-ups so weren’t >



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