

## Andrea Wilson Woods' response to the "MAN" Rules:

1. Men are NOT mind readers. **Well, they should be.**
2. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down. **Okay, but when guests visit put the seat down—no one wants to see your business.**
3. Sunday sports—it's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be. **We will as long as you choose us wearing lingerie over football; when you don't, it kills our egos.**
4. Shopping is NOT a sport. And no, we are never going to think of it that way. **We don't think it's a sport, but it does require endurance and patience—like running cross-country track. Hmm ... maybe it is a sport!**
5. Crying is blackmail. **Guess what—we don't cry to blackmail or manipulate you; we cry because we are UPSET. That's what happens—tears fall down our faces. Do you think we like appearing weak and emotional in front of you? We don't, but sometimes, we can't help it.**
6. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say it! **Women learn about this male brain defect in our thirties, but we don't accept it until our forties; teachers should tell us about it in school so we understand that you are incapable of subtlety.**
7. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question. **Have you ever heard of critical-thinking skills? Oh wait, never mind—see #6.**
8. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for. **See #6.**
9. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become Null and void after 7 Days. **Some comments take years to erase from our brains—accept it. Maybe you should think before you speak.**
10. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us. **We will ask—lie to us.**
11. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one. **What happens if both interpretations upset us? What is your excuse then?**
12. You can either ask us to do something. Or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself. **We would love to tell you how it's done if only you would listen.**
13. Whenever possible, Please say whatever you have to say during commercials. **God created DVR/TiVo so you can press the "pause" button; therefore, we can speak whenever we want.**
14. Christopher Columbus did NOT need directions and neither do we. **Really?!? Funny how Christopher Columbus didn't end up at his intended destination, and we never seem to either.**

15. ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is. **We'll give you this one unless you are gay—then there's just no excuse.**
16. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that. **Fine—just don't scratch outside of our house!**
17. If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle. **If we are a "couple," it is your responsibility to ask us at least one more time what is wrong. Didn't you read the rulebook?**
18. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear. **See #10.**
19. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine... Really. **Then why do you pay more attention to us when we show off our legs, our cleavage, or any skin whatsoever? Why do you notice the tight dresses, but not the loose hippy ones? Don't pretend that if we wear jeans and a t-shirt to your office Christmas party, you are going to be "fine" with it. PLEASE. You like it when we look good!**
20. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as baseball or golf. **We are just happy you are thinking at all. ☺**
21. You have enough clothes. **Maybe.**
22. You have too many shoes. **Never.**
23. I am in shape. Round IS a shape! **Balls are round; people shouldn't be.**

P.S. Thank you for reading this. Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight. But did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping. **Wonderful! We finally have the bed to ourselves and can pile on layers of blankets since we are always cold. Enjoy your "camping" on the couch 'cause you're not getting any love tonight. ;-)**