

The March 2003 issue of *Seventeen* Magazine features a section on uncovering secrets in your friendships. First you draw a picture of you with your best friend. Then, check the article out to see how you compare! For more information, contact Patti Wood at www.pattiwood.net





is it a picture-perfect friendship?

Grab some paper and draw a picture of you with your best friend. When you're done, check your picture against the notes below to uncover some secrets about your friendship.

VERY TOUCHING

- You're hugging. You're emotionally connected and share all your deep, dark secrets.
- You're holding hands. You have a secure friendship and are always there for each other.
- Your heads are touching. You think alike. You do well in the same classes, like the same music, and wear the same clothes.
- You're not touching at all. Your friendship is strong, but you each like to do things on your own.
- There's an object between you. Something is keeping you apart. It's time to work things through.

FACE IT

- You each have the same-size smile. You're both happy and comfortable in the friendship.
- Your smile is smaller than hers. You're not totally happy with your life, but your friend doesn't know.
- Her smile is smaller. She's not as happy as you are. Something is going on with her. You want to help her but aren't sure you can.

- You're both frowning. You think alike but have some serious stuff on your minds right now. It may or may not be the same thing.

MISSING PIECES

- You both have feet. You have a stable friendship that will last.
- One of you has feet; the other doesn't. The person with feet is more grounded and realistic.
- One of you doesn't have a mouth, and the other doesn't have ears. The person without ears is the talker, while the person without a mouth is the listener.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Your drawing included . . .

- a sun. Your friendship is warm and caring, and still growing.
- a rainbow. You have hope for the future of your friendship.
- clouds. There's anxiety in the relationship. Three clouds may represent a love triangle.

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