

# Shopping for your vibrator doesn't have to be so hard



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Dear Dr. Kim,

My friends made a huge deal when they found out that I've never been to a porn store before. Now they insist that I go with them to pick out my first vibrator, and I'm freaking out!

I've never really even masturbated before. I don't want all my friends to know what kind of vibrator I use! I don't even know what kind of vibrator to use!

How do I get through this with as little embarrassment as possible?

- Whitney, 20

Dearest Whitney,

A girl's first trip to the porn store is a momentous occasion. I'm so glad I could be here for you, to hold your hand for the process of purchasing your first battery-operated-boyfriend.

It's good that you've decided to check things out on your own a little bit, before you go running in there with a large pack of your wild friends who know you're a porn-store-virgin.

For a first-timer, the adult store can be a very intimidating place. But don't worry; Dr. Kim is here! I care so much about my readers

that I'm going to embarrass myself and exploit my own B.O.B in an effort to make your transition into a relationship with a fake penis run more smoothly.

First of all, there's a lot to look at in the porn store. It's kind of like the zoo - you'll be smart to schedule at least an hour out of your day if you want to be sure to see all of the exhibits.

Try to not get too distracted by the novelty ice cubes shaped out of nipples, "pocket vaginas" and the entire section devoted to various colors and sizes of butt-plugs. While interesting and sometimes magnetically grotesque, do you really want anyone to see you checking out an extra-large, beaded butt-plug on your very first trip to the porn store? Save those for another trip, once you've had a bit more experience, m'kay?

Once you have successfully located the "boyfriend" aisle, you might feel a little overwhelmed and confused about which "man" is right for you. I mean, there are so many bells and whistles!

On my first trip to the porn store, I made the same mistake many women do when purchasing their first B.O.B. and was confused about the difference between a penis and a plastic wanna-be. I bought this enormous, pink MONSTER of a vibrator, complete with veiny

sleeve.

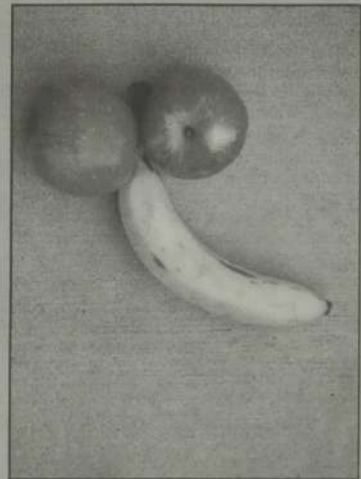
I was confused! I felt like, if I was searching for an intimate "boyfriend," he should have every feature there is to offer a lady such as myself.

So, I took him home and removed him from the box. Then, I "assembled" him, took one long look at him - and threw him away.

He was just too big. Seriously, my real-life boyfriend would have been jealous.

And Whitney, here's the thing about a vibrator: It's not a penis. And even if it has some kind of silicone sleeve on it, it still does not have the "give" to it that a penis does.

So, in "short," you should consider purchasing one that is a bit smaller than a man's penis. I would honestly recommend that you start out with something under five inches, and try to avoid anything with a pulsating dolphin on the head of it - just for now. A more utilitarian device will better enable you to get to know your body and decide what you like before you start introducing marine life to your vagina.



If you feel uncomfortable about your friends knowing what kind of vibrator you use, go without them! Your interest in masturbation is a positive thing, and an important part of every woman's personal development. Having an intimate relationship with yourself is a key catalyst in having an intimate relationship with others.

Good luck!

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