# **Feminine Traits List**

Feminine traits often represent a set of qualities culturally associated with women and femininity. These traits contribute to a broader understanding of femininity, influencing how people perceive gender roles and expectations.

Below is a list of traditionally considered feminine traits. Note that while these traits are often associated with femininity, **they are not exclusive to women** and can be embodied by people of all genders.



## **Empathy**

Empathy involves understanding and connecting with others' emotions, even if you haven't experienced what they're going through yourself. Empathetic people can sense the feelings behind someone's words and actions, often stepping into their shoes to feel what they might be experiencing.



#### **Nurturance**

Nurturance is the desire and ability to support others' growth and wellbeing. It involves caring for people emotionally, mentally, or physically, with patience and attentiveness.



### Sensitivity

Sensitivity is an awareness of subtle cues and the emotional undercurrents in situations. Sensitive individuals pick up on nonverbal communication and the feelings that people might not express openly. This allows them to respond thoughtfully and to be respectful of others' vulnerabilities.



#### Compassion

Compassion is a desire to alleviate others' suffering and is often accompanied by action. Compassionate people show deep kindness and strive to help others in both big and small ways, even when it requires personal sacrifice.



#### **Gentleness**

Gentleness is the quality of being kind, calm, and careful in interactions. Gentle people approach situations thoughtfully, often in a soft-spoken, non-confrontational manner that puts others at ease.



#### **Patience**

Patience is the ability to tolerate delays, problems, or discomfort without frustration. Patient people can handle setbacks gracefully, and they're usually willing to give others time and space to work things out at their own pace.



#### Intuitive

Being intuitive is the ability to understand something instinctively without needing explicit reasoning. Intuitive individuals often sense things before they're spoken, noticing patterns or picking up on energy in a room.



## **Modesty**

Modesty is the tendency to downplay one's achievements and avoid seeking attention. Modest people often focus on collective rather than personal accomplishments, and they rarely boast about their success.



## **Supportiveness**

Supportiveness is the willingness to provide help and encouragement, especially in challenging times. Supportive individuals offer emotional and practical assistance, showing that they're there to lift others up.



### **Affectionateness**

Affectionateness is warmth and kindness expressed through physical touch, words, or gestures. Affectionate people make others feel valued and loved, creating a sense of closeness and emotional security.

# **Guided questions**

Reflect on the list of traditionally feminine traits and consider how they relate to your own characteristics and behaviors by answering the following questions:

Which of these traits do you feel are part of your personality?		
How do these traits influence your daily life and interactions with others?		
Are there any traits on this list you would like to develop further? If so, which ones and why?		
Think of a recent situation where you demonstrated one of these traits. How did it affect the outcome?		
Recall a time when you felt pressured to adopt traditionally masculine traits. How did that experience make you feel, and how did you respond?		

A	Additional notes			