

MADE WITH
REAL
EMPLOYEES

We love our employees. Mostly. But every once in a while they do something that drives us crazy. Here is a compendium of some of our favorite examples. And, if you really want to annoy your boss, feel free to follow any one of these examples from our past (ok, one present) employees.

Talk at the same time as your boss, saying what you think they are going to say, as opposed to actually listening.

Tell the client (at a presentation) that the paper you spec'd was cheap because it buckles if it gets wet and has therefore been discontinued.

"Accidentally" kick your boss under the table every day at lunch.

Use air "quotes" all the time without understanding "how to" use "them".

Send a bill for expenses directly to the client. Do not tell anyone you are doing it or ask anyone if you should. Create your own invoice form for the company and don't mention it until the client calls and asks your boss about the unusual bill.

Go into your boss's office to ask a question every few minutes.

Go on press. Make the printer pull the job for glitches that can only be seen with a very powerful loupe. Cause the printer to call the boss and say that the next job will be cheaper if said employee never goes on press again.

Present something to your boss and respond to all their critiques with, "I KNOW!" like you totally agree with them while leaving the question of why you did it in the first place just hanging there in the air, like a big giant balloon.

Go into your boss's office to ask a question and start asking it while they are going over something with someone else.

Go into your boss's office to ask a question and when they ask for five minutes to finish something up, take one step back and wait there looking at your shoes.

Have one idea but draw it three different ways and put those in three folders but actually bring seven folders when showing sketches. Say the other four are to represent sketches you are planning on doing, but haven't actually done yet.

While quitting, excitedly tell boss about fabulous design studio where you are going to work next.

How to make your boss happy?
Work hard.
Be smart. Play backgammon well – but not too well.
Bake cookies.
Be very funny.
And think big.

AND OUR ALL TIME FAVORITE: Run an entire design studio of your own out of their office. Fool everyone by leaving at 6:30, wait until everyone has left and then come back and start up your operation. Work until 5:30am. Go home. Come in at 9:30 sleepy and forgetful. Get lots of calls on your cell phone and have messengers coming and going all day long. (Impress your boss momentarily when you know exactly why you are being fired.)

COMING SOON: no idea what typeface or topic yet

FORTUNE: YOU WILL DESIGN A MAGAZINE COVER WITH AN MISCHIEVOUS TAKE ON A SERIOUS ISSUE AND WATCH THE FUR FLY.

