

# Gay Hanky Color Guide

HANKY CODE			
COLOR	MEANING	WORN ON LEFT	WORN ON RIGHT
LIGHT BLUE	ORAL SEX	RECEIVER	PERFORMER
YELLOW	WATERSPORTS	PISSES	GETS PISSED ON
KELLY GREEN	MALE PROSTITUTION	HUSTLER (FOR RENT)	JOHN (LOOKING TO BUY)
HUNTER GREEN	DADDY/BOY SEX	DADDY	BOY LOOKING FOR DADDY
ORANGE	FEW LIMITS	ANYTHING ANYTIME	NOTHING NOW (JUST CRUISING)
WHITE	MASTURBATION ONLY	RECEIVER	PERFORMER
RUST	COWBOY	A COWBOY	HIS HORSE
BROWN	SCAT	TOP	BOTTOM
CHARCOAL	LATEX	TOP	BOTTOM
LIGHT PINK	DILDOS	PERFORMER	RECEIVER
RED	FISTING	FISTER	FISTEE
MEDIUM BLUE	UNIFORM FETISH	COP	COPSUCKER
TEAL	COCK AND BALL TORTURE	TORTURER	TORTUREE
TAN	CIGARS	SMOKES CIGARS	LIKES CIGARS
BEIGE	RIMMING	RIMMER	RIMMEE
BLACK	S&M	HEAVY SM TOP	HEAVY SM BOTTOM
NAVY	ANAL SEX	TOP	BOTTOM
GREY	BONDAGE	TIES 'EM UP	GETS TIED

**GAY HANKY COLOR GUIDE** IS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR UNDERSTANDING THE SUBTLE YET SIGNIFICANT MEANINGS BEHIND THE COLORS OF THE HANKIES WORN BY INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LEATHER AND FETISH SUBCULTURES. THIS GUIDE SERVES AS A REFERENCE FOR THOSE LOOKING TO ENGAGE IN THIS VIBRANT PART OF QUEER CULTURE, PROMOTING COMMUNICATION, CONSENT, AND CONNECTION THROUGH THE USE OF COLORED CLOTH.

## ORIGINS OF THE HANKY CODE

THE HANKY CODE ORIGINATED IN THE 1970s IN SAN FRANCISCO, A HUB FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AT THE TIME. THIS SYSTEM EVOLVED AS A WAY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO SIGNAL THEIR SEXUAL INTERESTS AND PREFERENCES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR EXPLICIT CONVERSATION. THE USE OF COLORED HANDKERCHIEFS ALLOWS FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION OF KINKS OR DESIRES, FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTICIPANTS.

## HOW THE HANKY CODE WORKS

THE HANKY CODE INVOLVES WEARING A COLORED HANDKERCHIEF IN A SPECIFIC POCKET TO INDICATE PARTICULAR INTERESTS. GENERALLY, THE LEFT POCKET SIGNIFIES THAT THE WEARER IS A “TOP” (THE DOMINANT PARTNER), WHILE THE RIGHT POCKET INDICATES A “BOTTOM” (THE SUBMISSIVE PARTNER). HOWEVER, THIS SYSTEM CAN VARY BY REGION AND COMMUNITY, SO IT’S ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTAND LOCAL CUSTOMS.

# COMMON COLORS AND THEIR MEANINGS

WHILE THE COLOR MEANINGS CAN VARY, THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF SOME OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED COLORS IN THE GAY HANKY CODE, ALONG WITH THEIR MEANINGS:

- **RED:** FISTING
- **BLUE:** ORAL SEX (LIGHT BLUE FOR GIVING, DARK BLUE FOR RECEIVING)
- **GREEN:** GO (AVAILABLE FOR SEX)
- **YELLOW:** WATERSPORTS (URINE PLAY)
- **PURPLE:** BDSM (BONDAGE AND DISCIPLINE)
- **BLACK:** FETISH WEAR AND LEATHER
- **WHITE:** BDSM AND BONDAGE
- **ORANGE:** ANYTHING GOES
- **PINK:** SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS
- **BROWN:** SCAT PLAY
- **GREY:** BDSM (MORE SEVERE FORMS)
- **LIGHT BLUE:** ORAL (GIVING)
- **DARK BLUE:** ORAL (RECEIVING)

## WEARING THE HANKY

WHEN IT COMES TO WEARING A HANKY, THE POSITION MATTERS. HERE'S HOW YOU CAN WEAR YOURS PROPERLY:

1. **LEFT POCKET:** IF YOU'RE A TOP OR WANT TO INDICATE YOUR DOMINANT ROLE, PLACE YOUR HANKY IN YOUR LEFT POCKET.
2. **R**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT DOES THE GAY HANKY COLOR CODE REPRESENT?

THE GAY HANKY COLOR CODE IS A SYSTEM USED WITHIN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY TO SIGNIFY DIFFERENT SEXUAL INTERESTS OR FETISHES, ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO COMMUNICATE THEIR PREFERENCES DISCREETLY.



