



## Hanky Code:

Wearing one or more color handkerchiefs on the left or right can be used to indicate preferred fetish or sexual preferences. In gay culture a man will often wear his keys or an armband on his left to indicate he prefers to take the top or dominant role, or on the right to indicate he prefers the bottom or submissive role. Wearing a hanky in a back pocket, also called flagging, indicates a more specific preference following the same left right standard. While there is not a universally agreed on code, most codes do agree on the most common colors. Larry Townsend's *The Leatherman's Handbook II*, 1983 second edition, included the following table:

Color	Interest
Black	S&M
Gray	Bondage
Dark Blue	Anal sex
Light Blue	Oral sex
Brown	Scat
Kelly Green	Hustler/prostitution
Orange	Anything, anywhere, anytime (but not necessarily anyone)
Purple	Into piercing
Red	Fisting
Pink (light)	Dildo/anal toys
White	Masturbation
Yellow	Watersports

Other colors have been added over the years, the more common include:

Gray with Black	Light SM
Charcoal	Latex / Rubber
Robin's Egg Blue	69'er
Teal Blue	Cock & Ball play
Lavender	Drag Queens
Dark Pink	Tit play
Mauve	Navels
Majenta	Arm pits
Fuschia	Spanking
Coral	Toes
Rust	Cowboys
Hunter Green	Daddy / Boy
Olive Drab	Military Uniforms
Beige	Rimming
Tan	Cigars
Black / White Check	Safe Sex
Red / White Stripe	Shaving
Red / Black Stripe	Furry Bears
Paisley	Boxer Shorts
Leopard	Tattos