

These Bandannas Are Not Handkerchiefs!

Many handkerchiefs are mass-produced with cheap fabrics and repetitive abstract designs. Their small size limits their usefulness.

Bandannas, by contrast, are large enough to tie around the largest head, to be worn as attire other than a pocket decoration. And they are a truly multi-functional cloth.

Bandannas often exhibit artwork with themes that have historically included political campaigns, patriotism, sports events, cartoons, advertisements or banners for associations, clubs, societies, places and event promotions...and they can still be functional on the cowpoke trail.

The list of potential uses below merely contains my own favorites. For instance, I never go on an adventure without one. And Bilbo only left behind his pocket-handkerchief!

Container

Spontaneous mushroom collection
Bundling related items

Attire

Necktie
Headscarf
Shawl
Diaper

Adventures

Sweat cloth
Dust mask
Sun shield
Washcloth
Towel
Padding
Pillow
Strainer
Fan
Horsetail for bugs

Emergency medical

Arm sling
Strap hot or cold packs in place

Decoration

Tablecloth
Wall hanging
Flag

Social

Conversation piece
Attention getter
Collector's item
Mood modifier

Improvisation

Once I even tied the end of the tail pipe up higher to avoid catching it on the rocks while backing up on a rough road. It worked and didn't even singe.



Stone rings are ideal as a necktie clasp for bandannas. They don't stain the cloth and slide easily. Ring size 8 is about right, but check at a store in person to be sure.