

# Bandanas

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## The Magical Bandana

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It's just a piece of cloth  
But with proper use and care  
You can do much more with this  
Than blow your nose or tie your hair.  
You can use it as a napkin  
Or fold it for a sling  
Or stick it in your ears  
When an off-key singer sings.

It's handy when at meetings  
One person talks too much  
If you've got the nerve to use it  
Do it with a humorous touch.

If outdoor stuff is what you do  
You can pack your hobo lunch  
And use it for your sit upon  
When you sit and munch.  
And if by chance you should get lost  
You could use it for a flag.  
It could also be a potholder,  
An apron or wash rag.

As a manager of people

And the captain of your team  
Use it when you need a break;  
Cover your eyes and dream.  
Or pull it out of a tall silk hat  
If magic is what you need  
Or make yourself a thinking cap  
And let your thoughts take seed.

When everything is going wrong  
And you need to rant and rave and howl  
Behold! The magical bandana  
Becomes a crying towel.  
So stick it in your pocket  
And put a smile upon your face  
And keep it very close at hand  
in a most convenient place.

You'll find other ways to use it  
(Some we couldn't print on a dare)  
So bring it to all Girl Scout meetings  
And don't be afraid to share.

## **57 Uses of the Bandanna**

*By Florence Bush*

Just ask Kit "What is a bandanna?"  
"A most useful thing," she will say.

For this bright square of fabric can be used in 57 ways.

First as a triangular bandage for right hand, and left hand & knees,

For right eye, & left eye, & headache or for right foot, or left foot, or sneeze.  
You can wrap up your lunch in a jiffy, then mop up the stuff that you spill.  
As a hat, it can look very spiffy; as a babushka, it will keep out the chill.  
It's a flag on the top of a flag pole or on grease pit to mark the place,  
Or a warning on trailing tent poles that extend from bulging trunk space.  
You can bind up a cut from the hatchet or a slip of the wrist with the knife,  
Or a burn to keep down the blister; and as a warning it may save your life.  
It makes a good sling for that broken arm; will brace your leg while you use a cane,  
On the ground as a sit-upon serve you; on a trail show the way that you came.  
Round the neck it is Western in flavor, on the head, a pirate so bold.  
Dropped coyly, it might lead to romance; as a muffler, it keeps out the cold.  
In a game, it serves as a blind fold; in a relay, it's something to pass.  
In a race, it marks home base line; at a square dance, marks laddy from lass.  
As a belt, it will hold up the trousers; or a dress, it makes a gay sash.  
As a tie, it adds some distinction; in a hip pocket, it gives certain dash.  
As an apron, it serves you at tea time; or centerpiece doily so gay  
Or a hot pad to lift up the coffee; or to wrap up warm bread on a tray.  
In pairs their purpose is doubled: two make a bikini, you know,  
Or a blouse, or a skirt, or sun shade, if you know how to sew.  
For child care it is a blessing - tied to a chair, he won't fall  
Tears or tails can be dried very neatly; and for play, you can make it a doll.  
For knot practice too, it is handy: square, clove, bowline, and more  
Now this makes 57 uses and you no doubt could add more.  
But with this, I'll end this ditty.  
More uses we'd name had we chose, but we'll add only the primary purpose  
That of blowing the nose.