

10 Things You Might Not Know About the Métis Sash

1. The original **Métis Sash** was a finger woven belt made of wool and was approximately three metres long.
2. The **Métis Sash** is composed of interconnected threads, many strands, many patterns, and many colours which represent the lives of Métis people that have also been woven together from a variety of cultures, traditions and beliefs.
3. The **Métis Sash** is traditionally worn by men around the waist and tied in the middle with the fringes hanging down.
4. The **Métis Sash** is traditionally worn by women over the shoulder.
5. The main colours of the **Métis Sash** are red, blue, black, white and green.
6. The red used in the **Métis Sash** represents the historical ties to First Nations ancestors.
7. The blue and white of the **Métis Sash** symbolize the Métis Nation flag. The green used in the Métis Sash signifies fertility, growth and prosperity.
8. The Arrowhead design was chosen as the official **Métis Sash** of the Métis National Council.
9. The black of the **Métis Sash** symbolizes the black period when Métis people had to endure dispossession and repression.
10. The **Métis Sash** is often draped over the table where Métis people are gathered for discussion.



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