

# How to Tie a Tie

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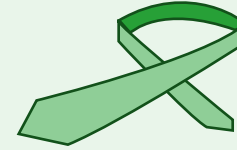
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## Tips For Wearing A Tie

- Never wear a clip-on tie, ever. Unless you're an 8-year-old going to your aunt's wedding, it's just not a good look.
- Ditch the cartoon characters. A plain, solid color tie is a fail-safe move. Opt for subtle patterns if you must, but steer clear of novelty prints.
- The color and pattern of your tie should complement the color of your shirt. Pick your shirt first and then match your tie.
- Whether you're six feet four or five feet six, the tip of the tie should hit right at your beltline—not three inches below it, not two inches above it.
- Wearing a tie bar: Not sure where to clip it? It should always go between the 3rd and 4th buttons of your dress shirt and should never extend past the width of the tie. Make sure you clip the tie and shirt together.
- When wearing a bright shirt, tone it down with a neutral or light colored tie and vice versa. Make sure the focus is only on one of them instead of screaming for negative attention by doing otherwise.

## Four in Hand Knot



- 1 Start with wide end of tie on your right and extending a foot below narrow end.



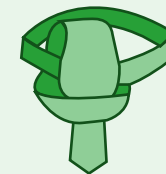
- 2 Cross wide end over narrow and back underneath.



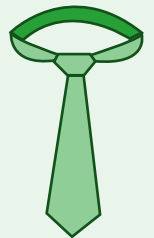
- 3 Continue around, passing wide end across front of narrow once more.



- 4 Pass wide end through loop.



- 5 Holding front of knot loose with index finger, pass wide end down through loop in front.



- 6 Remove finger and tighten knot carefully. Draw up tight to collar by holding narrow end and sliding knot up snug.