

# 6 Color Codes of Traditional Russian Costumes

## 1. White

For social meaning, a pure white bleached linen is worn by wealthy people, since they're the only one who can afford it. White clothes here symbolize **status**.

For religious meaning, white symbolizes **purity**. Children wear white because it's the color most fitting for their innocence. Brides also wear white dresses before the wedding ceremony.

## 2. Red

In daily clothes, people put a red ornament around the neck and wrists as a means of **protection**. Both men and women use red decoration on their outfits. The red color is also a symbol of energy flowing between human and nature.

Red in Russian word has similar root to the word beauty, thus red is also a symbol of **beauty**.

## 3. Black

Black has always been the color of mystery. Women dress started using black color in the 17th-century . Black is a symbol of **elegance**. Black also become a symbol of **work and daily** activity, a uniform.

## 4. Blue

Blue was one of the **expensive** colors to make. This color was also a symbol of **noble birth**.

## 5. Yellow

Yellow can be produced naturally using a mix of herbs and certain natural chemical. The gold color is also considered yellow. Like the gold itself, this color means wealth and **luxury**.

## 6. Green

Green was also as rare as blue. It also connects with nature, as green is the color of nature. Green also means **fertile** and fertility.

