

Navy: Blue Truths

A color that's delves into the deeper realms, blue is also a versatile and dependable all-rounder that competes with black for poise and formality. Strong in multiple combinations or as a diffuse base for a sharp primary blast; with navy certainty you'll be charting new waters with confidence. **What colors go with navy blue?** Here are twelve ways to match, blend, layer the popular choice to find what works for you.



Look 1: Denim and Navy Blue – breezy weekday formality



Two wonderful things happen when navy teams with its cloudier denim cousin – naturally non-denim wearers start looking the part, and both items increase in formality. The tendency with blue is to gravitate towards black (“Hey, navy is *almost* black anyway”), but try staying with deep blue for outerwear and accessorizing with variations between the two shades. Finally, heat with a little gold jewellery or brown leather. The closer the match between denim and navy tones, the richer the accessorizing should be.

Look 2: Sky Blue and Navy Blue – critically crisp



A subtle tint shift can part the clouds for a brighter disposition. A go-to look for lighter complexions and blondes (where the blue can be complemented with a yellow tie or other bright adornments) and boldly effective with dark blue trousers (and darker accoutrements) for darker hair and skin types; a sky blue shirt with navy slacks/suit speaks executive level aspiration and senior level cool.

Look 3: Camel and Navy – heavy mellow



For [Prada](#)-level assertions of soft power, a camel coat over navy is a criminally underused style nod that allows those with lighter complexions and hair to toy with contrast. You'll be tempted to default to black with any camel look, and blue means a matching upgrade on bags and jewellery items, but blue (unlike black) can diffuse as well as enhance, which means a relaxed look without going too casual.

Look 4: Khaki and Navy – prep smart



Navy sweater and khaki slacks speak [Ralph Lauren](#) more than any other blue-minded outfit. Playing on blue's uniform leanings, the key to the upper-heeled effect is the formality of navy and the dune-like quality of looser pleated trousers. For a modern look, try slimmer fitting slacks and a white t-shirt under the sweater; alternatively a button down shirt and [blue deck shoes](#) if you intend to renew your membership at the yacht club. Whatever your social itinerary, slim belt and a quartz watch, sir/madam.

Look 5: Navy and Yellow – (not so) mellow



When scouring your wardrobe to decide what colors go with navy blue, yellow is Strictly. Not. For. Everyone. An embracing colour that can speak more loudly than red from a distance (hence the off-shore rescue connotations) – yellow is best wedded to admiral or navy blues (in jersey or polyester) for grey-clouded days. In the city, an added splash of post-box red helps attracts royal attention.

Look 6: Black and Blue – all over



So here we are. The place where most people start (and finish) their working week, if they dip into the blue pond at all. Familiarity breeds, of course, familiarity so keep these close cousins on their toes by making your staple items the finest and sharpest you can afford. Any variation will take to a sharp business jacket, or opt for a softer silhouette if you've cool (and time) to spare.

Look 7: White and Navy Blue – cool running



Like its light blue counterpart, white is the businessperson's assurance of above the table integrity. While not as adventurous as other high-contrast setups, there is no purer masculine metaphor than a [white shirt/blue tie](#) combination. Sportspeople generally looked honed in navy and white – take the [French soccer team kit](#) or [Tommy Sport](#) athleisure pieces.

Look 8: Pink and Blue – truth goes pop!



Of all the colors that go with navy blue clothes, which could be more 21st century than blue's gender-related opposite? Blend (not contrast) is the key word here – go soft-focus to take attention away from the otherwise bubble-gum tendencies of the brighter colour. Softer materials – tweeds and denims – also enhance the complexities and complementary aspects of both hues. For men tired of whites, what colors go with navy blue better than a crisp pink shirt and blue jacket?

Look 9: Orange and Navy – deep seated power



Often utilized by Japanese brand [Toga](#) as a means to endorse a bold feminism, and otherwise frequently associated with utilitarian and [outdoors pursuits](#), floral dress options can compliment tanned skin tones, while for pure leather punch that strays daringly from brown's conservatism ... Well, a little orange and blue [Louis Vuitton Handbag](#) never did any harm.

Look 10: Red and Navy Blue – statement stamp



Somehow avoiding royal connotations, these two superpowers of color can cooperate as long as the rouge is as conservative as its oceanic bedding. Sometimes bullied out of the picture by red's tendency to showboat, blue works best as the boss here. Try a red tie, handkerchief, [Gucci belt](#) or scarf to show that below the surface, hot coals burn.

Look 11: Navy Blue and Grey – layered professionalism



Layering is at the heart of a successful run on this popular combination, and who better than [Sacai](#) to illustrate the point. Depending on your skin tone and hair colour, grey should take prominence for darker sorts, while lighter complexions and blondes should let navy ride centre over deeper grey support. Ultimately conservative, navy and grey can act as a platform for both brown and black accoutrement. .

Look 12: Navy on Navy – all out deep



Colors that go with navy blue include siblings such as indigo, air force, royal and navy itself. When it's blue's turn to run the show, go all out on quality and with a little silver or white.

In summary

Whether it's a uniform look from head to toe, cut and paste for a layered approach, complete contrast for a sharp intake of breath, or a bold shot of hotter hues, blue - your deep and dynamic friend - will always stay true.

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