Breast Milk Color Variations

What affects breast milk color?

- Stage of milk
- What you eat
- Breast milk storage

Breast Milk Stages

I COLOSTRUM

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First milk you produce, highly concentrated. Colors: yellow - orange



TRANSITIONAL

A few days after colostrum. Colors: yellow - white



MATURE

~2 weeks after colostrum. Colors: white - cream, clear - blue

Breast Milk Color Guide

This guide is intended as a reference only. Always consult a healthcare or lactation professional if you have any concerns about your breast milk color, and before taking any medication or supplements.



YELLOW

Normal during colostrum stage. Foods, such as turmeric, can also produce a yellow tint.



GREEN

Eating green veggies or medications. If accompanied by symptoms of illness or any sort of health reactions, call your healthcare provider.



RED. RUST, PINK.

From a diet with redcolored foods/drinks: beets, candies, jellies, or soda. It may also be from blood, so contact your doctor is this color persists.



BLACK

One of the most unusual colors. Best to consult your healthcare provider.

