

# FET

## \* *Whatever turns you on*

If you think only trench coat-wearing perverts or corseted Goths are into fetish, think again. Kinky people are everywhere: making your coffee, sitting next to you at work, walking their dog in the park (and no, that's not a metaphor). Maybe you're one of "them". And that's totally OK, because there's more to sex than inserting part A into part B – the spectrum of what arouses us is so vast. In fact, there are roughly 560 known fetishes, according to Dr Angela Lewis, author of *My Other Self: sexual fantasies, fetishes and kinks* (\$24.95, [myotherself.com.au](http://myotherself.com.au)). A fetish can involve almost any inanimate and non-sexual object, activity, sight, smell, sound or material that causes sexual response – from teddy bears to stilettos crushing tomatoes. "Kink" is the umbrella term that encompasses fetish and BDSM (bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism), which is happening in Aussie bedrooms every night of the week – not just "date night". While statistics are difficult to come by, research by US-based clinical sexologist Dr Gloria Brame suggests kinky sex is practised by 10 to 15 per cent of people. Fetish-lovers are out there, walking among us, quietly enjoying sex their way. And there's a lot you can learn from them.

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