
Autistic Leather

THRIVE 2024

Content Warning

- ★ Ableism
- ★ Consent Violation
- ★ Mental Illness
- ★ Self-Harm
- ★ Trauma

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- ★ Leather est. 2010
- ★ FL → WA
- ★ Owned
- ★ Polyamorous
- ★ Autistic

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There are many ways to be autistic.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

“a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave”

- National Institute of Mental Health

- ★ Difficulty reading & expressing emotions
- ★ Difficulty with sudden change
- ★ Honest, direct, and blunt
- ★ Takes things literally
- ★ Sensory sensitivity
- ★ Passionate about interests
- ★ Repetitive behaviors and stims

Models of Disability

Medical:

The person is disabled by abnormalities that must be fixed, cured, or masked to fit the environment.

Social:

The person is disabled by the environment, which must be adapted to accommodate the needs of the individual.

Communication

- ★ Boundaries
- ★ Filtering
- ★ Negotiation

Honesty

Transparency

Directness

WHAT IS 'MASKING'?

@21andsensory



THIS CAN LEAD TO AUTISTIC
BURNOUT + SENSORY HANGOVER.

Mental Health

Anxiety

Depression

Executive Dysfunction

Hypervigilance

Loops

Masking

Meltdowns

Overstimulation

- ★ Learn your triggers
- ★ Have a plan
- ★ Listen generously
- ★ Be gentle with yourself
- ★ Lean into the dynamic
- ★ Trust your community

Problem-Solving

★ Compromise

- Stimming
- Unmasking
- Do-overs

★ Nonverbal Options

- Texting
- Passing notes
- Signing

★ Communication

- Say what you mean!
- Thesaurus

★ Sensory Accommodation

- Gloves
- Headphones
- Sunglasses

★ Accountability

- Lean into the dynamic
- Reach out to your community
 - Daily check-ins
 - Location sharing
 - Body doubling

Planning

- ★ Calendars
- ★ Schedules
- ★ Budgets

...oh my!

Protocols should serve the dynamic.

Let it be weird.

Neurodivergent Love Locutions

- ★ Infodumping
- ★ Parallel Play
- ★ Support Swapping
- ★ Deep Pressure
- ★ Penguin Pebbling

Sensation

- ★ Sights
- ★ Sounds
- ★ Smells
- ★ Tastes
- ★ Textures
- ★ Thoughts

Kink Reframing

- ★ Deep Pressure → Bondage
- ★ Thumb-sucking → Littles
- ★ Dermatillomania → Piquerism
- ★ Overstimulation → Sensory Deprivation and/or Mindfuck
- ★ Special Interest → Dollification
- ★ Biting → Biting (in a sexy way)

Munches & Play Parties

- ★ Buddy System
- ★ Exit Strategy
- ★ Earplugs
- ★ Aftercare
- ★ Virtual

Seek out neurodiversity!

Create your own space!

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Resources

- ★ autisticadvocacy.org
- ★ awnnetwork.org
- ★ stimpunks.org

FOLLOW AUTISTIC PRESENTERS!

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- ★ Kade
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Autistic Women &
Nonbinary Network (AWN)
Neurodiversity Is For Everyone™



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