

# Transgender Awareness Week Spotlight:

## Gottmik

**Kade Gottlieb**  
he/him/his



**Gottmik**  
she/her/hers



Kade Gottlieb, better known by his stage name Gottmik, is an American trans drag performer, and was the first trans man artist to ever compete on RuPaul's Drag Race. In drag, Gottmik uses she/her pronouns, while out of drag, Kade uses he/him. When not doing drag, he's a professional makeup artist who often talks about his lifelong love for makeup and the ability to become someone new, or a truer version of oneself. He is passionate about breaking barriers in both gender and drag, identifying as a femme trans man and forging his own meaning of drag. In her work, Gottmik likes to push boundaries when it comes to expression, often showing off her love of camp and challenging the idea of feminine, glamorous makeup with her iconic clown white face. His advice is, once you become comfortable, it's time to change it up and challenge yourself.

