

KILTS

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Our kilts come in several weights of cloth. The 11oz cloth is very light weight and more suitable for ladies skirts, gents trousers, waistcoats, childrens kilts and some professional dancing kilts.

For gents kilts, we recommend anything from 13oz medium weight to 16oz heavy weight cloth this being the real "Rolls Royce" of kilts. All of our kilts are 8 yards, traditionally handmade in pure wool. The heavy weight 16oz kilt cloth sits, swings and looks a million times better than a 13oz medium weight kilt, and it is NOT any warmer. It is the weight of the jacket which makes the heat difference. All of our Houstons jackets are super light weight and stain-proofed.

Houstons also have an exclusive service of teflon coating tartans/kilts to make them stain resistant, this service can only be done at time of ordering the kilt on all our own Cloths.

All kilts are individually hand tailored to your own specification in a range of 6 different available kilt finishes. From hand-made kilts through to machine-finished kilts.

Adjusting of Kilt Size

Kilts go down 1½" and go outwards 1½". We can also cut kilts for growth by adding an extra inch or two so the kilt can be expanded through time to 3 to 4 inches extra. This is ideal for younger lads or indeed for anyone, as ones weight does fluctuate in the life of a kilt. If you lose weight we can also tighten up kilts. For boys and youths we can also hem a kilt so the length can be dropped when they get taller. Please ask if you wish this service when ordering your kilt.

Kilt Finishes

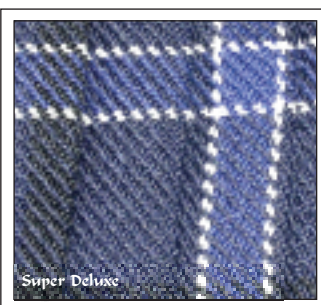


Standard Hand Finish Kilt

These kilts are traditionally hand cut and made. They do not have as much preparation time spent on the layout. On the back of the kilt you will see some stitching at the top of the pleats, this gives the kilt an authentic look. With a standard finish kilt there is always running maintenance through the life of the kilt, like the odd burst stitch which can be easily repaired. We are finding less and less customers going for this finish. Delivery time 8 to 10 weeks.

Super Hand Made Deluxe

This is made to a far higher standard than a super hand made kilt. Preparation time is doubled and matching and setting is far more accurate. The kilt is 90% hand cut and made, with reinforcing by machine around buckles, waistband, belt loops and all key important areas. The very best kilt anyone can buy.



Super Hand Finish Kilt

This kilt is 100% traditionally hand cut and made by kilt makers who are passionate and take a great deal of pride in their trade and spend a lot more time preparing the cloth, chalking and marking the tartan before cutting out the kilt to the exact template. Like any craftsperson the better preparation and time taken, the better the job. The majority of our 8 yard kilt sales are in super finish. This kilt has 3 buckles and straps, canvas and lining with 2 belt loops and approximately 23 good knife pleats.

At the back of the top of the kilt pleats there is hardly any stitching to be seen. This kilt takes longer to make due to the pleats being stitched from inside. The stitching of the buckles and straps are reinforced for extra strength. These kilt makers are much older with 25 years experience in the art of kilt making. This is our Rolls Royce or Savile Row of kilts. Note - it generally takes an extra 4 to 5 hours to make a super finish kilt and are generally maintenance free. Delivery time is 4 to 8 weeks.

We highly recommend super finish kilts. You only buy a kilt once in a lifetime, they are worth the extra as the whole kilt is far more superior made and will last a lifetime.

Basic Machine Finish Kilt

We have introduced this basic kilt due to the success of our casual machine made kilts. This is a starting price kilt, ideal if you only want to wear a kilt once or twice a year. These kilts are all hand cut but fully machine made, resulting in quicker production. On the back of the kilt at the top of the pleats you see a small line of machine stitching. This is a good value kilt, but not quite The Real McCoy. Delivery time 4 to 6 weeks.



Basic Machine



Super Machine Top Stitch



Super Machine Under Stitch



Pocket option

Super Machine Finish Kilt

As the basic machine finish kilt but a lot more time preparing the kilt, marking out and cutting out the scallops so the kilt sits and fits a lot better, it is 60% hand made. This kilt is £30 more than the Basic Machined kilt and is far better finish. You will see a row of machine top-stitching down the back of top of pleats of the kilt. Within optional upgrade to get **under stitching** at £20 extra. We can also put 1 or 2 pockets in this kilt at £20 extra per pocket, under the front apron or at side of first left hand pleat. Delivery time, 4 to 6 weeks. Express delivery 2 weeks at £50 extra.

Pockets

Pockets can be added to super, machine made, under stitched kilts at £20 each per pockets.

Teflon/Stain-Proofing

At Houstons we were first to teflon coat/stain-proof all our tartans, which makes our kilts and jackets fully protected from rain and stains (even beer-proof!). The wool has the same handle and is fully breathable, making them safe to wear to rugby and football matches.

We calculate over the life of your kilt you will save approx £180 to £260, not having to get your kilt dry cleaned as often. This also helps the environment. **The Teflon coating lasts a minimum of 18 dry cleanings.**



Teflon Coated



Kilt Pleating

Kilts may be pleated to the set as normal, or regimental set pleated on the line where a tartan has a predominant stripe. Other garments we can make include tartan trousers, trews, suits, jackets and tartan waistcoats, we also do tweed jackets, tweed suits and Inverness capes. For mail order purposes an easy to follow self-measurement form is included on page 50.

At the back of top of pleats, all the stitching is done underneath so it is concealed and not seen.



Regimental Set



Normal Set

NOTE

We offer a full range of kilts suitable for any occasion. Generally customers buy a kilt once, to last a life time. It is used for many different purposes so its important to take time on choosing the correct tartan and type of kilt finish, as it will last a life time and can be passed on as a heirloom. We recommend an 8 yard kilt. We find customers go for the best weight of cloth and best finish as the kilt is the heart of the outfit. It will become an old faithful friend you will have for life, maturing with age. Any kilt can be easily adjusted up or down waistline direction.

Delivery Time

Delivery time for all kilts in top quality wool, in any tartan, 4-8 weeks.

Express service (10-14 days) is £50 extra on super finish kilt. *(Subject to kiltmakers workload)*

Please Note: As long as cloth is in stock we can make your kilt for the stated delivery time. If cloth out at mill this can delay out kiltmakers in making your kilt. We recommend if your kilt is for a special occasion that you book 4-6 months prior to the important occasion as some mills can take up to 16 weeks to re-weave cloth.

KILT PRICES

Houstons are proud members of the Scottish Tartan Authority, with Ken MacDonald as a governor of STA. We have our very own kilt makers, offering a range of 6 different kilt finishes keeping very high standards of quality at competitive prices.

All Houstons kilts are traditionally 8 yards hand made in Scotland.



Scottish National Modern
with Navy & Green
Prince Charlie Jackets

OUR OWN RANGE OF 16oz HEAVY WEIGHT KILTS
AND LIGHT WEIGHT JACKETS ARE ALL STAIN PROOFED
(You can spill tea, coffee, beer & wine over them and they are fully protected
- so you can wear them safely to Rugby & Football matches)

WE CALCULATE OVER THE LIFE OF YOUR KILT, YOU WILL SAVE APPROX £180 TO £260
BY NOT HAVING TO GET YOUR KILT DRY CLEANED AS OFTEN + THIS HELPS THE
ENVIRONMENT. The Teflon coating lasts a minimum of 18 Dry Cleanings

	Basil machine Kilt Finish	Super machine Kilt Finished top stitched	Super Machine under stitcher or Basic Hand Made Kilt	Super Hand made Kilt Finish	Super Hand made De-luxe Kilt Finish
	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free
light weights					
K18 11oz own range (200 tartans)	£270	£225	£300	£250	£320
K19 11oz Strathmore kilt (340 tartans)	£350	£292	£380	£317	£400
K19b 11oz Loch Carron (500 tartans)			£335	£375	£450
medium weights					
K19c 13oz own range (140 tartans)	£280	£234	£320	£267	£340
K20 13oz Strathmore kilt (200 tartans)	£350	£285	£380	£317	£400
K21 13oz Loch Carron (500 tartans) & House of Edgar	£350	£292	£380	£317	£400
K22 13oz Old & Rare (500 tartans + 80 Welsh Tartans)	£450	£375	£480	£410	£500
heavy weights					
K23 17oz own range (100 tartans)	£280	£234	£320	£267	£340
K23b 17oz own range Teflon Coated Stain Proofed (230 tartans)	£300	£250	£330	£275	£350
K24 17oz Loch Carron (150 popular tartans) & House of Edgar D/W (+60 stain proof)	£350	£292	£380	£317	£400
K25 17oz Loch Carron D/W (100 selected tartans)	£390	£325	£420	£350	£450
K26 17oz Loch Carron (750 tartans) S/W	£450	£375	£480	£410	£500
K26b Special Weaves 1 Kilt discount prices on two or more kilts POR	£730	£610	£760	£635	£780
regimental weights					
K27 19oz (6 tartans)	£450	£375	£480	£410	£500

Kilt Pleating - Set as knife pleating as standard. On special request regimental kilts can be set to line pleating. Box pleating can be done for £100 extra.

Tartan garter flashes (subject to cloth excess) special price £15

Outsize/Surcharge will be made on kilts over 45" to 66" waists and seats as more cloth is required.

45" to 46"	47" to 50"	51" to 56"	57" to 61"	62" to 66"
8 1/2 yards + 7 1/2%	9 yards + 15%	10 yards + 20%	11 yards + 30%	12 yards + 40%

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Special Service

Free Hire If you buy a kilt over £300 and are thinking of buying a full kilt pack, you can try a courtesy hire Prince Charlie full kilt pack value £60 absolutely FREE OF CHARGE specialists jackets, coloured jackets & antique / black button silverwear at £60 extra or if you are getting married we can give you a loan of one of our hire kilts like Bute Heather range so the main wedding party are all in the same tartan and you can change into your own tartan at night. We are finding a lot of grooms doing this. (If you are a mail order customer you pay postage. UK mainland £40 return; Highlands & Islands £60 or overseas postage both ways.) Prices on request.

Note any kilt bought £199 to £299, we will give a discounted hire pack at the value £60, get it for special price of £30 only. Or once you have bought your kilt and are thinking of buying a kilt pack you can upgrade within two weeks any kilt to qualify for the discount pack price. Where else gives you the chance to see what you look like in your own tartan, before making a commitment to purchase a full outfit?

At Houstons we tailor our kilts from pure wool tartans woven by Scotland's top quality mills. 16oz kilts (pictured) are crafted from tartan woven by Lochcarron and House of Edgar in top of the range heavy worsted quality. We recommend this as being the hardest wearing weight and one that will hold its pleats very well, many of our oldest customers will proudly testify to the long service such a kilt will give. The range of worsted 13oz quality tartans is growing each year. Sharing the advantages of the heavier worsted, it is also ideal for tartan trews. A lightweight worsted and saxony wool 11oz tartan is woven in a very large range and is ideal for trousers, waistcoats, childrens kilts, and for ladies kilts and skirts. It is usually woven in a smaller pattern or "set", also available are a range of 75 tartans in silk, suitable for ladies trimmings or dresses. Prices quoted are for full Kilts, standard sizes up to 44" waist. 45" to 66" waists and seat carry an outsize surcharge, please see our outsize chart.

The choice of tartan is a personal choice which we at Houstons have grown to appreciate over our many years in business. This is why we have professional staff who take every step necessary to cater for your needs. We also stock Irish, Welsh, Canadian and American tartans. For those of you looking for something different we can even design a tartan specially for you, making it unique to you and your family.

Ken MacDonald of Houstons can design any tartan - prices start from £300 + registration with the Scottish Tartans Register of £130 extra, with extra checking of tartan by the Scottish Tartans Authority Director.

We design a lot of tartans for clients, companies or even wedding tartans linking two clans together + of our own range of bute heather collection 16 oz heavy weight stain proofed "beer proof" kilts, these kilts have been lab tested to do a minimum of 18 dry cleanings, so over the life of your kilt you will save approx £250 not having to get your kilt dry cleaned!

Design costs from approx £300 to £800 +register tartan £130, we will supply cad outputs + yarn colours before we go to weave.

We at Houstons have found that generally modern tartans are good with coloured jackets like navy, black or tweeds. Ancient tartans are best with black and are also suitable for tweed Argyll / Braemar jackets, which customers can often buy at a later date, for more informal and casual occasions.

SPECIAL WEAVE TARTANS

In single width at 28" wide cloth,
in 11oz/12oz medium weight or 15/16oz heavy weights.

Minimum order taken 4 yards s/w £75 per yard.

Delivery 8 to 16 weeks plus make up time.

We can do most non stock tartans as long as it's a recorded tartan with a thread count and if a sample exists. Please note we have all mass produced tartans by Lochcarron, Strorne, House of Edgar, Strathmore Marton Mills, Batley & Dalgleish... in 150 swatch book forms, including all single width 750 & 17oz Strorne tartan swatches. One of only two swatch sets in Scotland.

(Please note: Some private collections may carry a small royalty charge).