

# HOUSTON TRADITIONAL KILTMAKERS EST 1909

## EASY KILT ALTERATIONS GUIDE



A kilt is a garment that will last you a lifetime so it is very important that you buy a heavy weight cloth and have it made by a reputable kiltmaker. If you have your kilt cut for growth it can be easily taken in or let it over the years should you lose or gain weight. This will also allow the kilt to be passed down as a family heirloom and easily adjusted for other family members. Adjusting you kilt buckles will easily tighten or loosen you kilt to ensure a perfect fit. Read the following instructions for some very easy fine tuning advice.

## TAKING IN YOUR KILT



See photo A

Photo A shows the outside of the front apron of your kilt. This is the buckle that must be moved to make your adjustments. So un-pick the stitching around the buckle attached to kilt and move in towards the belt loop. You can resize to meet whatever needs however; we suggest you try 1 inch, to start with then pin on. Follow the same instructions on the bottom hip strap on the outside of your apron; this may need a bit less positioning.

Then see photo B



Find the strap inside or under the back apron of your kilt. Un-pick some stitching around the leather strap and move in towards the middle of your apron, this will tighten up. Adjust to whatever measurement you need. We suggest you try about 1 inch first and tack in place

After making these adjustments try on your kilt. Make sure you are happy with the size and fit. If you are happy with the size, re stitch the outside buckles, onto your kilt.

Then stitch the inside leather strap back onto your kilt.

There you have it, job done!

If you have any trouble with this a good seamstress should be able to carry out this process with minimal effort.

## LETTING YOUR KILT OUT



Photo C shows the inside of the front apron of your kilt. This is the buckle that must be moved to make your adjustments. So un-pick the stitching around the buckle attached to kilt and move out towards the belt loop. You can resize to meet whatever needs however; we suggest you try 1 inch, to start with then pin on. Follow the same instructions on the bottom hip strap on the inside of your apron; this may need a bit less positioning.

Then see Photo D



Find the strap on the inside apron of your kilt. Un-pick some stitching around the leather strap and move out towards the edge of your apron. Adjust to whatever measurement you need. We suggest you try about 1 inch first and tack in place

After making these adjustments try on your kilt. Make sure you are happy with the size and fit. If you are happy with the size, re stitch the outside buckles, onto your kilt.

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## FURTHER HELP AND INFO



Owner of Houston's Ken MacDonald has had his own kilt for over 30 years and has his kilt adjusted regularly to ensure the perfect fit.

For further information on kilt adjustments and to see Ken and his 30 year old kilt please view our helpful video clips at [www.kiltmakers.com/tv/](http://www.kiltmakers.com/tv/)