

# KILTS

## FEILEADH BEAG

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 dollars, compared to 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.**

The only reason we sell 13oz medium weight kilts is if the tartan is only available in this weight like Irish and Welsh and some clan tartans.

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 5 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, Hand Made



### Super Hand Made Deluxe 3

This is made to a far higher standard than a super hand made kilt. Preparation time is doubled and the matching and setting is far more accurate. The kilt is 90% all hand made, reinforcing by machining on the buckles, straps, waistband and belt loops with all key stress points reinforced. Finally checked over and super pressed to keep the pleats nice and sharp: this is the very best kilt you can buy.



### Basic Hand Finish Kilt 1

These kilts are traditionally hand cut and made. These kiltmakers do not spend much time on preparation - they start straight into the kilt, and on the back of the pleats the setting can be a bit erratic. You will see a lot of varied hand stitches and no attention to detail. With this kilt finish you will have constant running repairs, with a few burst stitches which can be easily repaired over the life of this kilt finish - we have now stopped selling these.

### Super Hand Finish Kilt 2

This kilt is 100% traditionally hand cut and made by kiltmakers who are passionate about their work and who take a great deal of care and pride in what they do. They spend a lot more time laying out and marking the kilt out before cutting it to an exact template. As with any craft, the better the preparation and the more time taken, the better the job. These kiltmakers take about a day to a day and a half to make a kilt, with about 7000 hand stitches per kilt. We only make 8-yard kilts with 3 buckles and 3 black leather straps, with about 5 to 6 adjustment holes with 2 belt loops and hanging loops, a minimum 23 good knife pleats with high quality cotton canvas and Selassie cotton lining. The attention to detail is excellent.

At the back of the top of the kilt you will hardly see any hand stitches, as they are stitched from inside. The stitching of the buckles and straps are all reinforced for extra strength. These kiltmakers are a lot older with over 20 or 25 years experience in the art of kiltmaking. All these kilts are generally maintenance-free.

Delivery 5 to 8 weeks.

We highly recommend super finish kilts, as you only buy a kilt once in a lifetime. They are worth the extra cost as the whole kilt is far superior and will last a lifetime.



Super Hand Made Deluxe Finish

# Machine Finished Kilts

## Basic Machine Finish Kilt 4

This is a basic 8-yard budget kilt 90% machine made/factory made, with no canvas with a little Selassie. On the back of the kilt you will see a small line of machine stitching. This is a value starting price kilt, not the real McCoy.

## Super Machine Finish Kilt 5

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 50% 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.

## Superior Super Machined Kilt 6

This kilt is 60% hand made and machined internally. It is all prepared by hand, by cutting the back of the kilts scallops to template, then stitched by machine under the pleats. We only make 8-yard kilts with 3 buckles and 3 black leather straps, with about 5 to 6 adjustment holes with 2 belt loops and hanging loops, a minimum 23 good knife pleats with high quality cotton canvas and Salassie cotton lining. Reinforced around the buckles, straps and belt loops.

Finally all checked and hand finished and super pressed to keep the pleats nice and sharp, this is the kilt finish we use for all pipe bands and for the Royal Regiment of Scotland and all MOD, and these were the ones we made for the Scottish Army at the opening and closing ceremony of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014.

## Pockets 7

Pockets can be added to this super machined under stitched kilt for £25 extra per pocket, with a choice of under the front apron or at the first left hand pleat.

## 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.**



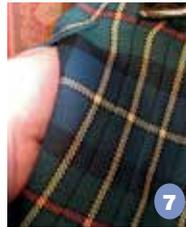
Basic Machine



Super Machine Top Stitch



Super Machine Under Stitch



Pocket option



## 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 46.

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



Normal Set



Regimental 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 stock tartan, 4-8 weeks.

Express service (6-14 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 our 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.



Teflon Coated - Stain Proofed - around 350 tartans available

Houston are proud members of the Scottish Tartans Authority, with Ken MacDonald the retired Vice-Chairman of the STA. We have our very own Kiltmakers, offering a range of 4 different kilt finishes, keeping very high standards of quality at a competitive price.

All of Houston's Kilts are traditional 8 yard handmade kilts and Made in Scotland.

	Basic Machine Kilt Finish <b>4</b>	Super Machine Hand-Finished Under Stitch <b>6</b>	Super Handmade Kilt Finish <b>2</b>	Super Handmade Deluxe Kilt Finish <b>3</b>
<b>Light weight Cloth</b>	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free
<b>K18</b> 11oz own range (200 Tartans)	£325 £271	£360 £300	£440 £367	£540 £450
<b>K19</b> 11oz Strathmore Kilt (340 Tartans)	£435 £363	£485 £413	£570 £475	£670 £559
<b>K19b</b> 11oz Loch Carron (500 Tartans)				
<b>Medium weight Cloth</b>	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free
<b>K19c</b> 13oz own range (140 tartans)	£370 £309	£380 £317	£460 £384	£550 £459
<b>K20</b> 13oz Hebridean kilt (10 tartans)	£400 £334	£450 £375	£530 £442	£630 £525
<b>K21</b> 13oz Loch Carron (500 tartans) +House of Edgar & Strathmore	£435 £363	£485 £413	£570 £475	£670 £559
<b>K22</b> 13oz Old & Rare (500 tartans + 80 Welsh Tartans)	£520 £434	£595 £496	£670 £559	£760 £634
<b>Heavy weight Cloth</b>	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free
<b>K23</b> 17oz own range (100 tartans)	£370 £309	£380 £317	£460 £384	£550 £459
<b>K23b</b> 17oz own range Teflon Coated Stain Proofed (200 tartans)	£370 £309 £295 £246	£380 £317	£460 £384	£550 £459
<b>K23r</b> 17oz Special Royalties Tartans Stain Proofed (65 tartans)	£380 £317	£400 £334	£490 £409	£590 £492
<b>K24</b> 17oz House of Edgar D/W (60 stain proof)	£375 £313	£425 £355	£500 £417	£600 £500
<b>K25</b> 17oz Bute Heather Range Teflon Coated Stain Proofed (12 tartans)	£445 £371	£495 £413	£570 £475	£670 £559
<b>K26</b> 17oz Loch Carron (750 tartans) S/W + House of Edgar (100 tartans) S/W	£440 £367	£510 £425	£580 £484	£680 £567
<b>K26b</b> Special Weaves, Stain Proofed from:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11m s/w-1 Kilt + a few extra yards</li> <li>• 11m d/w-1 Kilt + 2 extra Kilt Lengths</li> <li>• 11m d/w-3 Kilts + a few extra yards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1420 £1184</li> <li>• £1518 £1265</li> <li>• £1958 £1632 (Per Kilt - £613 £517)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1500 £1250</li> <li>• £1598 £1333</li> <li>• £2198 £1832 (Per Kilt - £733 £611)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1570 £1309</li> <li>• £1668 £1390</li> <li>• £2408 £2007 (Per Kilt - £803 £610)</li> </ul>
<b>Regimental weight Cloth</b>	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free	Tax Free
<b>K27</b> 19oz Regimental Weight (6 tartans)	£525 £438	£600 £500	£650 £542	£750 £625

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.

Express Service available for Kilt delivery in 2 weeks for extra £60

Tartan garter flashes £30. Special Price of £20 (subject to excess cloth)

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 + 7.5%	9 yards + 15%	10 yards + 20%	11 yards + 30%	12 yards + 40%

### Delivery Time

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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?



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

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.

You can even try to design your own tartan. See our FREE tartan design iPhone apps, see the bottom of our homepage at www.kiltmakers.com 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 £80 per yard.

Delivery 8 to 16 weeks plus make up time. (new - we can also stainproof special weave tartans from 11 yards up at £40 extra, in all 3 weights)

When weaving special weaves tartans we sometimes get some excess of + or - 10% on tartan. If an excess we sell at a special price with kilt. It is useful to keep or use to make ties, scarves, ruffles, sashes, cushions, curtains, waistcoats, ribbons, etc.

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, Strome, House of Edgar, Strathmore Marton Mills, Batley & Dalgleish... in 150 swatch book forms, including all single width 750 & 17oz Strome tartan swatches. One of only two swatch sets in Scotland.

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