

Our easy-to-use
guide to help you
wear your
highland outfit
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New to kilt wearing?

Figuring out how to wear an outfit so steeped in tradition and heritage can seem daunting.

Even if you've been wearing a kilt since you were a wee laddie, remembering how to wear all the kilt accessories can still be a challenge.

Our team live and breathe highland wear. We're all about helping you design and style the outfit you want.

That's why we've created this easy-to-use guide so you can wear your kilt with style, no matter what the occasion.



Your Kilt

Let's start with the basics, shall we?

What is a kilt?

It is, simply put, 8 yards of some of the highest quality fabric known to man, lovingly hemmed, pleated, and sewn to the exact specifications of the wearer.

Your kilt should be worn wrapped around your body with the pleats to the rear and the aprons overlapping at the front. The fringes should fall to your right-hand side. A kilt is meant to be worn high on the waist (above your navel), causing it to drop down to the middle of the knee.



Your Jacket

Whether you choose a casual three or five button waistcoat or decide to go full formal with a Prince Charlie jacket & vest combo, your selection should always complement the colours in your kilt.

The jacket is normally kept open to show off the waistcoat's buttons.

Not sure what jacket you want? We have a guide for that too!

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Your Shirt

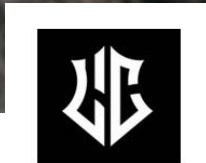
We offer three types of shirts to pair with your kilt:

The ghillie shirt - is a traditional, loose-fitting shirt. There's no need for a tie: the leather lace can be fastened in a simple knot or left to hang down the front of your shirt.

Standard wing collar shirts - usually combined with bow ties for a formal kilt outfit. However, they can also be styled down with a straight necktie for a daytime or outdoor event.

Victorian collar shirts - are the most formal option and are usually paired with a bow tie or a ruched tie or cravat.

No matter which shirt you choose, it should be neatly tucked into your kilt.



Your Sporran

SPORRAN

Our sporran guide, will help you figure out whether you're looking for a full dress, semi dress, or day sporran.

Remember, the chain strap should be brought through the kilt loops at the rear so the sporran can be worn at the front.

BELT & BUCKLE

Kilt belts and buckles generally run wider than normal belts and are only needed when opting not to wear a waistcoat.

Kilt belts are worn through the kilt loops at the rear and fastened on the front, above the sporran.



Flashes & Hose

Flashes are worn to the side of the calf and help keep your hose from falling. The garter should be hidden by the top of the hose.

Flashes are great for adding some extra colour to your look. You can choose flashes in a matching tartan or a complementary solid colour - whatever suits your style!

Like your other accessories, your Kilt hose should complement the colour of your chosen tartan and jacket. We offer everything from basic hose to Scotland-inspired designs, like our luxury Hebridean Kilt hose.

Whichever design or colour you choose, your hose should be worn three finger widths from the bottom of the knee with the decorative top folded down.



Footwear

The Brogues - because no outfit is complete without a pair of great looking shoes.

We've got a pair of brogues for any occasion Whether you're looking for comfort, a contemporary look, or something traditional. Boots or other shoes also work for a more casual look.

The long laces should be pulled tight. We like to tie them in a half-hitch (over and under), twist three to four times, and wrap them around the calf twice before tying to the front.



Kilt pins?

The kilt pin is both decorative and functional. It adds a special touch to your kilt outfit, but also helps the front of your kilt from blowing open (especially important if you're opting to go *commando!*).

Your kilt pin shouldn't be used to keep your kilt closed, however, as doing so may damage the kilt and alters the way it hangs. Instead, fix your pin to the top layer of cloth on your right-hand side.



Sgian Dubh

There are different types of Sgian Dubh, including the Day, Dress and Safety. The Day Sgian Dubh is made for less formal events, with the handles produced in different materials such as stag horn and oak.

The Dress Sgian Dubh is suitable for formal occasions such as a wedding or black-tie event. These knives often include a clan crest and metal plating, as well as a gemstone on the base of the hilt.



Still not sure?

Our team loves making sure our customers look and feel great in their highland outfits. If you still have questions, please get in touch - we'd be happy to help.

For more information, access to our full range of accessories or simply to receive our other free guides please contact us directly on:

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Ask about our other guides on:

- How to measure up
- Which sporran is right for you
- Which jacket suits you

