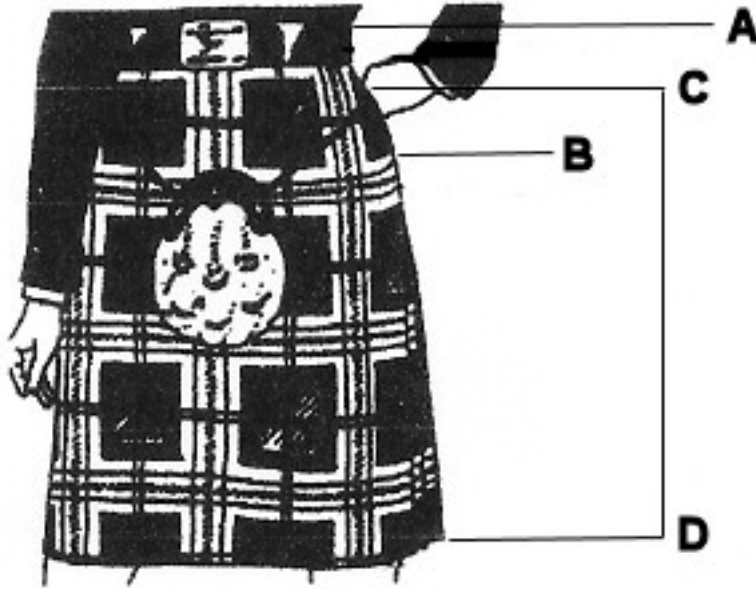


## Kilt Measurement Guide

**Correct measurement is Step 1 to ordering your Highland Kilt.  
Please thoroughly read everything below before proceeding to order your kilt.**



A. Waist \_\_\_\_\_ Inches    B. Hip \_\_\_\_\_ Inches    C to D. \_\_\_\_\_ Inches

Overall length: C. to D. plus 2 Inches = \_\_\_\_\_

- **A. Natural WAIST measurement is over the navel and snug.**  
***DO NOT suck in your gut!*** You wear a size 36 trousers and your waist is 38 or 39"? Unless you have 6-pack abs your natural waist will be larger. Trousers sizes have absolutely nothing to do with natural waist measurement. The traditional kilt is not worn low on the waist! That's why the waist measurement is snug and there's a 2" rise.
- **B. Hip is actually the seat measurement at the widest part, and comfortable, not tight or snug.**  
Expect approximately a 3 - 6 inch measurement greater than your waist. More or less depending on your body shape.  
*Note: If your hip measurement is less than the waist, Kilt will be made to the waist size without flair (hangs straight).*
- **C. Top of Hip Bone to D. Top of Knee.** Place your finger on top of the hip bone and take the measurement from there to the top of the knee.....*don't bend over..stand up straight!*

Overall length is achieved by adding a 2" rise to the C - D measurement.

For Example: C - D = 22" so the overall length will be 24".

Simple, right? **DO NOT** do the measuring by yourself! Have someone else take the tape measure and do it..**TWICE!**..

**No refunds on incorrect measurements!**

One final note on Kilt measurements. If you plan on losing weight or gaining weight...

**Do Not order a kilt until your weight is where you want it. The making of your kilt will take from 8 - 12 weeks.** Less in winter months. Sometimes longer by a week or two. There is no more than TWO inches of adjustment on a kilt! Kilt alterations can

cost as much as a kilt.

**Types of kilts.** We offer two types of kilts; **Casual** and the more contemporary "**Wee**" (minimum 6 yards ---for smaller individuals) kilt. A casual kilt is made with a minimum of 4 yards of fabric whereas the Wee kilt is made with a minimum of 6 yards of fabric.

What's the difference? Cost, depth of pleats and sometimes overall appearance in the way the kilt fits. Casual kilts usually have about a 2 inch pleat and the Wee kilt a 4 inch deep pleat. Once worn it is hard to tell you're wearing either type. Both are actually quite comfortable. Cost is sometimes the deciding factor. If you're serious about wearing a kilt and don't want to replace it 5 or 10 years down the road, go for the Wee kilt. We have customers who have owned kilts for 25 and 30 years. The kilts look almost new. Remember, a kilt is an investment and many actually are handed down through generations. Ladies love to see a man in a kilt! Properly worn every man looks great in a kilt.

Okay, you're now completely disgusted with yourself because you thought you were smaller than the tape measure shows. So what tartan do you wear? Remember, the plaid fabric from which the kilt is made is called a Clan Tartan or simply a tartan. A plaid refers to tartan fabric worn over the shoulder.

## Step 2. Selecting a Tartan

### Helpful Hints and Suggestions in searching for the your tartan

Yes, finding and selecting a tartan can be a soul searching experience but we try to help by providing the information below. You can also contact us by phone, 877-897-1566 (Toll Free), or by e-mail, to help in finding the tartan for you.

**a. Click on the tartan links below at Lochcarron of Scotland to search for the clan tartan you desire.** *No, we don't provide a complete list of tartans. The tartans listed on the order forms are from the kilt makers because photos for their company's tartans are not yet available. Lochcarron has photos of the tartans and we use Gaelic Themes, Lochcarron, House of Edgar and Strathmore to make your kilt.*

**b. For Irish County Tartans, Please click [here](#)**

13 oz. weight fabric [www.lochcarron.com/braeriach.htm](http://www.lochcarron.com/braeriach.htm), (210 tartans) the most popular weight in the U. S. 16 oz. weight fabric [www.lochcarron.com/stromesw.htm](http://www.lochcarron.com/stromesw.htm), (485 tartans) more traditional and best hanging

No single mill produces all of the tartans but Lochcarron does the most. If your tartan is not listed send us an e-mail and we'll try to locate the tartan from another source. Found the tartan in 16oz. but not 13oz.? Or vice versa? *Now you know what we go through each day.* That's why we use at least 4 different kilt makers. *Not only do the mills in Scotland not make all the tartan fabrics, they also do not necessarily make all of their tartans in all fabric weights. For example, Hamilton Modern is produced by Lochcarron in 16 oz. but not 13 oz. If you live in Key West or Brownsville the 16 oz. kilt may have you seeking an air conditioner!*

**The 13oz. kilt is fast becoming the most popular kilt weight. The 16 oz. weight is most traditional and provides the best drape.**

**c. Didn't find your tartan? Not all Scottish names have tartans.** *Great, now we tell you.* That's where SEPTs come in. A Sept is a surname/family name that was part of a clan with all the rights to wear the Clan Tartan. Our name, McKitrick, is part of Clan Douglas. There's also McKitrick's who are part of Clan Maxwell. Don't let this confuse you. Go to [www.tartans.com](http://www.tartans.com) or do a search for your name. If you still don't find your name listed with a clan association you can still wear a tartan but be forewarned that if you attend a social function where tartan wear is taken seriously, a person wearing a tartan not "rightfully his" will hear about it. Anyone may wear Black Watch, Royal Stewart, Flower of Scotland, Scottish National, Irish Tartans, District tartans and several others without fear of any verbal attacks.

If you didn't find the correct clan tartan you were searching for, contact us. We can probably help locate the manufacturer.

**d. Write down the complete name of the tartan** so we know exactly which tartan you desire. If you want MacDonald of the Isles Modern, please enter MACDONALD OF THE ISLES Modern on the order form. You probably noticed the many different tartan names and variations while searching for your tartan.

**TARTAN NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**e. Wee Kilts Only.** Really like the tartan you selected but think it would look better if the stripe was on the edge of the pleats ? This is called PLEATED to STRIPE and not all tartans will Pleat to Stripe. Most popular pleating is to the SETT, so the pleats and the front of the kilt look the same. Additionally, we'll need to know which color stripe in the Sett to pleat to if you desire a "Pleat to Stripe" kilt. Kilts pleated to the stripe may incur an additional charge depending on the tartan (sometimes takes more fabric).

**Casual Kilts are not available pleated to stripe.**

If in doubt ask us! If we don't know, we'll find out.