

Traditional Scottish Kiltmaking with Robin

I'm so excited that you've decided to take this adventure with me! I look forward to helping you over our four days together to create an heirloom garment that you will treasure for years to come (and longer!). Please carefully read this entire document, information about additional materials that you will need, what you need to buy from me, and the essential equipment that you will need. Please also remember that this is a 98% hand sewn workshop. It is also likely that you will need to do some sewing between the difference sessions. Once you've done this, please visit the link below and provide the information about the additional materials.

Link to google order form: <https://forms.gle/wnsmXky73oADGieF6>

- 1) I will teach you to make a traditional, knee-length kilt, pleated to the stripe, and fitted for your body.
- 2) Men's kilts are generally 8 yards (or 7.5m in the modern era), although if it is a larger gentleman, this lengthens to up to 10 yards. If it is for a person of larger waist, if you don't increase the amount of cloth, it decreases the number of pleats that you end up with. Women's kilts are generally made from 6 yards of cloth (5.5m).

If you are not making the kilt for yourself, please let me know, and I will send you instructions on how to measure the intended recipient. You will need these measurements to make your kilt.

Cloth

Kilts are generally made from what is considered medium weight tartan, which is 100% wool, 13 oz in weight, I get my tartan from weaving mills in Scotland (some are sourced through a Canadian Distributor). Please be aware that not all tartans are available all the time.

You are welcome to source your cloth elsewhere, however, I give a discount on student cloth orders, compared to what you will pay to a retailer. The cloth will cost \$250-310 if you want to make a 6 yard kilt, or \$325-400 for an 8 yard kilt.

Burnett's and Struth: <https://www.burnetts-struth.com/tartan-cloth/find-your-clan-tartan/medium-weight-13-oz-per-metre/>

Materials Kit

You will need to purchase a materials kit from me at a cost of \$40 + HST, which includes:

- *specialty thread
- *materials for constructing the inside parts of the kilt (ribbon and special kilt canvas)
- *3 straps and buckles

Other Materials and equipment you will need to provide

0.75-1m of cotton fabric, I favour good quality quilting cottons. If you want something plain, traditionally this is usually black or something darker, which won't show stains/soiling.

A note on needles: Please make sure you have extras. Be aware that you'll be sewing through stiff fabric, and thick layers for some aspects of the kilts. Good quality needles help. My favourite are Tulip, but Clover, Bohin, and John James are all good quality. There are lots of others out there, but I've had good experiences with these.

Long (quilting length) and short straight pins
Tailor's chalk (or a chalk pencil), light coloured

Thimble (some parts of constructing the kilt are tough, a thimble is pretty essential)

Measuring tape

Quilting needles (or “betweens”)

Regular needles

Fabric scissors

Non-fabric scissors (reasonably sharp paper scissors or utility scissors work well)

Optional (but useful):

Iron (this is optional, but we will only have a few on site) *you won't need this until the last session

Pincushion

Heavy fabric weights

Notebook and pen/pencil