

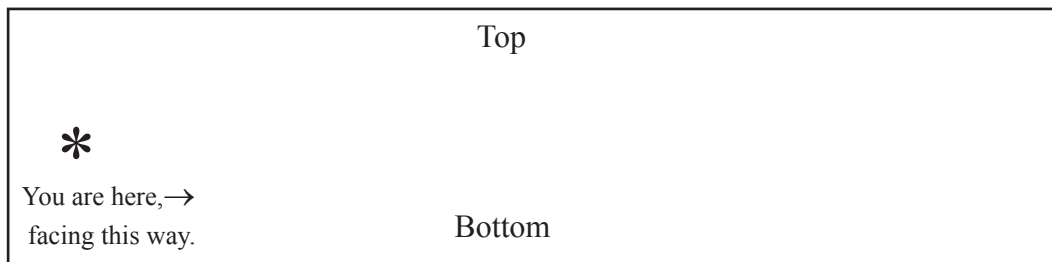
The Great Kilt (*Feileadh Mor*)

The following are instructions on how to pleat and wear your Great Kilt. If your kilt has Cheater Pleats™, carefully remove the white basting stitch(es), which were only necessary for shipping. Then go directly to “Wearing the Kilt” on the back page. If you're going to pleat it yourself, read on!

Items you'll need:

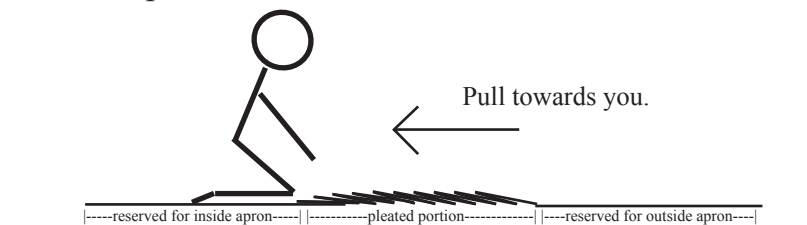
- √ Tartan
- √ Measurement from your waist to about the middle of your knee.
- √ Belt. We suggest a leather belt at least 1 1/2 inches wide.
- √ Brooch (optional, but just barely)
- √ Another person (not necessary but very helpful)
- √ Lots of floor space. A smooth surface works best.

Pleating the Kilt — First, lay out the tartan (fabric) on the floor, and kneel down on the left end as illustrated below. Measure from your end a length of tartan equal to about half your waist size. This portion will remain unpleated and will become the inside apron of your kilt. Begin pleating the tartan at this point.

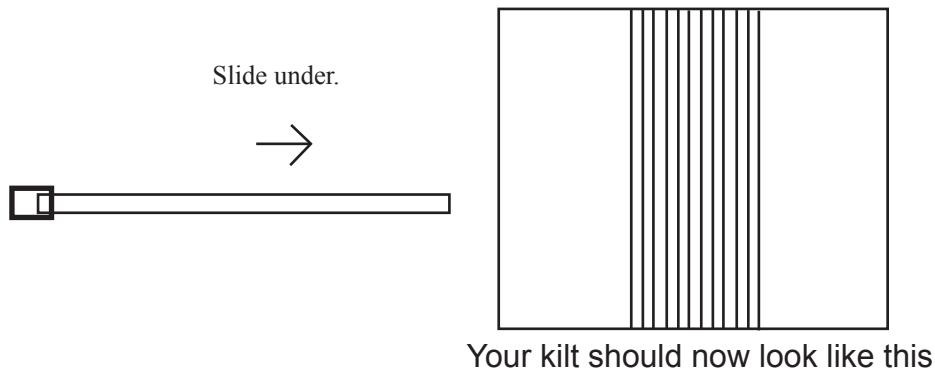


*Note—Drawings are not to scale.

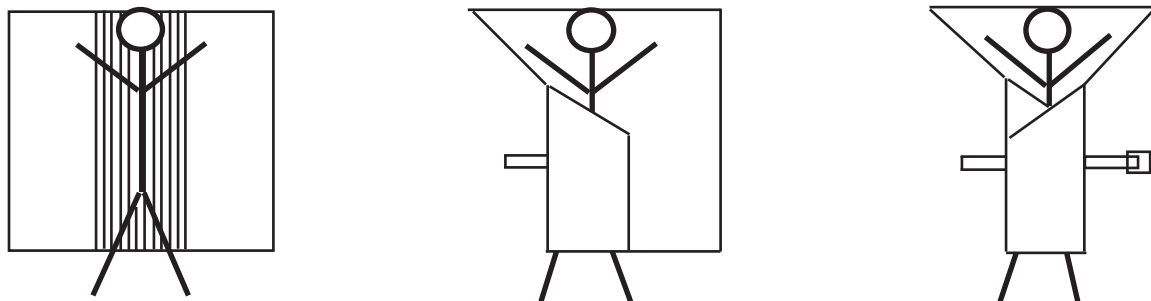
Pull the tartan towards you, grabbing about 6 inches at a time. You may wish to use the stripes as a guide (this is probably one reason the ancient Celts added stripes in the first place). The pleats should be 1–2 inches apart, the pleated portion should be about equal to half your waist size, and you should end up with an unpleated length of tartan at the end equal to about half your waist size. It will probably take some trial and error or a little math to get the correct number of pleats to use the correct amount of tartan.



Wearing the Kilt — If you have cheater pleats™, lay your belt down, wrong side up, on the floor or on a bed. Then lay your kilt on top of it, waistband facing up, with your belt positioned under the waist band. If you pleated the kilt yourself, being careful not to undo your pleats, turn your belt wrong side up and slide it under the kilt. You can also try carefully folding up the kilt, placing the belt under and then carefully laying the kilt back down again. Position the belt at the waist measurement.



Now is when the second person comes in handy. Lie down on top of kilt with the belt at your waist. Use the back of your knees as a guide to get the kilt knee length. Fold one side of the kilt over your body (usually the right side), tucking under your arm. Then, do the same with the other side. Fasten the belt to hold it in place. After standing up, you will probably need someone to help adjust things a bit for you.



What you do with the top portion is now up to you (and the weather). You can leave it hanging to keep your legs warm on a cold day. On a warmer day, tuck it in at the corners to keep it out of your way, or wear it up over your shoulders as a cape or cloak. (If there's enough extra, you can even pull it up over your head like a hooded cloak.) The most common method is to wear it over one shoulder, fastened in the front with a pin or brooch. Contact us if you have any questions!

