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Design your tartan

Start your tartan design journey with Lochcarron of Scotland

Firstly, we need a design brief, if you already have one then please share this with us, if not we can help you create a brief. Included in your brief, please advise us of key colours that you would like to use, and any other influences or inspiration that we need to look at or research, whether that is a corporate colour, a historical link or more personal family connections. We have a detailed sheet that will help you write up your brief, this can be supplied to you.

The design process begins with selecting colours and yarns, we use up to a maximum of 6 colours in tartan. Using this colour palette, our skilled team then develop some design options which will be created within our CAD system. At this stage we need to know what the tartan is being used for, whether it is for a kilt, blanket or a scarf, this allows us to create the tartan options in the correct fabric type for your end use. The designs from our CAD can be sent electronically or printed out and mailed out to you, we will create 4-6 options to begin the development.

The beauty of designing your tartan with Lochcarron is that we are the manufacturer and your tartan will be designed and woven in our mill, and as the worlds leading manufacturer of tartan you are in good hands. Our mill is based in Selkirk, a town which has a rich textile heritage and is situated in the heart of the Scottish Borders. Once you have approved your final design we can begin to make your tartan in the mill. The first stage is to dye your colours in our dyehouse. We will dye the colours for the warp and the weft, when these threads are woven together in the loom they interlace to weave up the cloth that will be your final tartan fabric. The tartan is designed, dyed, warped, woven and inspected in our mill, we then send the cloth to our partners in Galashiels for the finishing process. The finishing is when the cloth is washed then dried, taking out all of the excess oils, and giving the cloth the perfect final handle.

Registering your tartan with The Scottish Register of Tartans

Consider registering your tartan, once you have a finalised design. Your final design can be submitted for approval to the Scottish Register of Tartans. This registers your tartan, giving it provenance, it will be logged on the national register. A certificate of authenticity is available from The Scottish Register of Tartans. We can help you with this process, please get in touch for more details.

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Tartan Design Brief

Customer Details

Name	Today's date
Telephone no.	Email address
Address	
Postcode	

Tartan Name

If you don't have a final name, give us your name for now...this can come later when you register your design.

Design Brief

Tell us about any links you may have to a family clan name or if you are creating a corporate tartan, let us know about any significant colours linked to your family, event or brand.

Colour references

If you have colours list them in order of importance, what is the main colour and then the supplementary colours.

What will you use the tartan for?

Tell us what you have in mind for the tartan. Is this for a kilt for your wedding or special event, are you decorating the interior of your home, or ordering gifting scarves or blankets for an event? This information will help us develop the right type of fabric to suit your needs and requirements.

Deadline for tartan

This is very important, we don't want to be late for your date or miss your key brand launch, let us know when you need your tartan. Like all good things, it takes time to create your personal design.