

How to Wear the



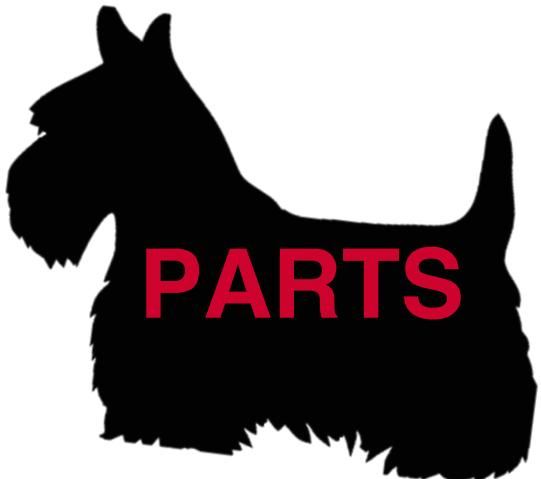
Kiltie Band Uniform

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Section 1: Hose, Garter Flash, Shoes

STEP 1 Put on the kilt hose (woolen socks).



STEP 2 Put on the garter flash.

- Keep the shorter part of red flash on the outside. Wrap the garter flash just below the knees by clipping the hook and the clasp at the ends of the elastic band.

TIP: You can tighten or loosen the band to make it suitable for you.



- Roll the top of the kilt hose down below the knees. Don't completely cover the flash with the hose.

STEP 3 Put on the shoes.



Section 2: Kilts

STEP 1 Wrap the kilt around your body with the pleats to the back.



TIP: The top of the garment should be situated at the natural waist; the two aprons will overlap in the front. It will hang around your knee.

STEP 2 Button the kilt.



STEP 3 Fasten the leather belt.

TIP: Now, the edge of the right should meet up with the left, where there is a small hole in the lining for a strap to go through.



SECTION 3: Jacket, Epaulettes, Attaching Cape with Bright

TIP: Attach the Epaulettes and Cape while Jacket is on hanger.



STEP 1 Attaching Epaulettes to Jacket

- Unbutton shoulder strap on the right side. Pass the strap through the elastic band on one of the epaulettes, with the round side of the epaulette facing away from the shoulder strap's button. Slide the epaulette all the way down the shoulder strap.

- Rebutton shoulder strap.



The technical term for the shoulder strap is "passant."



- About three inches under the shoulder strap on the front and back of the uniform jacket are small clasps. On the front and back corners of the epaulettes are hooks. Take the front hook and attach it to the appropriate clasp, repeating the process with the back hook and clasp.

- Repeat steps 1-3 on the left side.

STEP 2 Attaching Cape to Jacket

- Hold cape behind jacket so that the inside bottom hem is hanging down, with the pleats and inside hem facing out from the jacket. (If your cape has a number, it will be facing out as well).



- The top of the cape has three corners: the two corners you would expect and an extra corner sewed on at the middle of the cape. Take the middle corner and pull it under the shoulder strap on the left shoulder of the jacket.

TIP: Make sure you have the cape facing the right direction! The stitching on the corner pulled under the epaulette should be facing in towards the jacket, and the fringe of the cape should be visible on top.



- The middle corner of the cape should now be pulled under the epaulette and resting flat against the front of the jacket. Pin cape to jacket using the bright, pushing the pin through all layers of the cape and jacket.



The technical term for the uniform cape is "fly plaid." You may hear your band director call it the "plaid," or your fellow band members refer to it as a "buttcape."



Another term for the bright is "plaid brooch," but it's not commonly used around the Kiltie Band room.

TIP: Your jacket also has handy pockets!



TIP: Trying to remember what order to put on your uniform parts? Just remember: **Kilt, Cape, Coat**.

TIP: While the Kiltie band jacket comes with some assembly required, thankfully these steps only have to be completed once or twice a season! After your first game, just leave the epaulettes, cape, and brooch attached to the jacket so it will be ready to wear the next time you need it.

SECTION 4: Sporran

STEP 1 Wrap the metal chain around your waist.



STEP 2 Fasten with leather belt strap to desired length.



STEP 3 Adjust sporran so it lies flat on the front of your kilt. The sporran should hit below the jacket but above the end of the kilt.



Sporrans used to serve as a functional purse or pocket! It was used as a wallet or stored essential items.

STEP 4 If the sporran is still too long:

a. The metal chain should be clipped onto D-shaped metal rings on the back of the sporran. Unclip the left chain from the left metal ring, thread it through the left ring, and clip it to the right ring.



b. Unclip the right chain from the right metal ring, pull it through the right ring, and clip it to the left metal ring such that the two chains are now crossed.



The sporran can be turned around the waist to rest on the hip for a more casual position when doing activity that might encumber the wearer.

The Kiltie uniform sporran is a horsehair sporran traditionally worn as part of regimental attire. However, full mask sporrans, made with the head of small animals such as badgers, otters, foxes, were one of the earliest styles.

SECTION 5: Cape and Jacket

TIP: If there's not a good place to hang your jacket as you put on your cape, try and find a helpful friend to hold it for you.

STEP 1 Putting on the Cape:

- a. Hold up the jacket on its hanger to make sure the cape hangs untwisted from the left shoulder of the uniform jacket. The bottom seam of the hem (if your cape has a number, it will be on this side) should be facing out. The pleats on the cape should also be facing out.



- b. Hang or place your jacket behind you, in a position where you will easily be able to pull it on after tying on the cape.



- c. Take the bottom of the cape and lift it to your waist, folding it under so that the inner pleated side is now against your waist.



d. Wrap the straps at the bottom of the cape around your waist and fasten them with the buckle, until the cape is fastened securely around your waist.

TIP: You may be confused, because the pleats now seem to be hidden against your waist. But don't worry! When you have the jacket on, the cape will flip up to your shoulder to show off the pleats.



STEP 2 Put on the jacket.
Button the jacket, and fasten
the collar's hook.

TIP: Be careful not to turn around too much as you take this step, or let the jacket turn. You don't want to twist the cape.

Now, the cape should be hanging down untwisted from your shoulder until it turns under and is attached to your waist. The pleats that face in towards your waist turn up with the rest of the cape in order to face outward at your back.



Congratulations!

Now you are
part of the
kiltie band!



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