

tartan

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['tɑ:tən] *n*

1. шотландка, клетчатая шерстяная ткань
tartan shirt - рубашка из шотландки
2. клетчатый рисунок (*шотландки*)
3. шотландский плед (*мж.* tartan plaid)
4. 1) шотландский горец
2) *собир.* горцы; полк горцев

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тартана (однозначное средиземноморское судно)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

tar-tan [tartan tartans] *BrE* ['tɑ:ntɪ] *n* *NAme* ['tɑ:ntɪ] *n* **noun**



1. **uncountable, countable** a pattern of squares and lines of different colours and widths that cross each other at an angle of 90°, used especially on cloth, and originally from Scotland
 - a tartan rug
2. **countable** a **tartan** pattern connected with a particular group of families (= a **clan**) in Scotland
 - the MacLeod tartan
3. **uncountable** cloth, especially made of wool, that has a **tartan** pattern
compare **plaid**

Word Origin:

late 15th cent. (originally Scots): perhaps from Old French **tertaine**, denoting a kind of cloth; compare with tartarin, a rich fabric formerly imported from the east through Tartary, a historical region of Asia and eastern Europe.

Culture:

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Tartan is a traditional woollen cloth from Scotland that has patterns of squares and lines woven in various colours. Patterns depended originally on **dyes** available from local plants, so each area developed its own tartan. Tartans were not at first associated with a particular **clan**. From the late 18th century, Scottish **regiments** wore different tartans as an identifying feature, and the design of an individual tartan for each clan followed soon afterwards. The most famous tartans include 'Black Watch', the tartan of the **Royal Highland Regiment**, which is black and dark green, and 'Royal Stuart', the mainly red tartan of the **royal family**. Scotsmen may wear a **kilt** (= a man's skirt with pleats that reaches to the knees) and sometimes a **plaid** (= cloak), or simply a tie, in their clan's tartan. Apart from those who work in the tourist industry, few Scots wear tartan as part of their ordinary clothing. Men wear kilts when taking part in Scottish dancing displays or for formal occasions such as weddings. Many Scots consider it wrong to wear the tartan of a clan to which they do not belong, but this has not prevented tartan, or tartan-like patterns, becoming fashionable in Britain and abroad. For some people tartan has romantic associations with Scotland's history and its wild and beautiful countryside. Women's kilts, skirts and dresses, as well as scarves, bags, travelling rugs, and many other articles, are made in tartan patterns. Goods sold to tourists, such as tins of **shortbread** biscuits, are decorated with tartan patterns to indicate their origin.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Probably from Old French tertaine type of cloth]

[uncountable and countable] a traditional Scottish pattern of coloured squares and crossed lines, or cloth, especially wool cloth, with this pattern **SYN plaid** *American English*:

the MacGregor tartan (=the special pattern worn by the MacGregor family)

—tartan *adjective*:

a tartan scarf

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