



By royal appointment

We look at the companies crafting garments fit for the King and the Royal Family, plus historical figures

The Royal Warrant Holders Association has been recognising purveyors of fine craftsmanship and personal service of the highest order since 1840. We take

a look at some of the nation's long-standing clothing and accessories companies who were granted a Royal Warrant by appointment to HRH The Prince of Wales – now King Charles III.



Ede & Ravenscroft has made coronation robes, including those worn by the Princess of Wales

Ceremonial splendour

Dating back to 1689, Ede & Ravenscroft is London's oldest tailor. As a specialist in ceremonial robe making, the company holds the Royal Warrant as robe maker to King Charles. During its long history, the company has produced royal garments for 12



British coronations, including robes featuring precious materials and fine needlework. Since its doors first opened, the company has created mantles for the six British Orders of Chivalry, including the stunning blue Royal Victorian Order mantle worn by Catherine, Princess of Wales at the coronation of King Charles III.

Superior socks

Global knitwear company Corgi Hosiery began life in a Carmarthenshire town in 1892, when draper Rhys Jones started making long woollen socks for coal miners. Over the years, Jones developed his range of hand-framed socks, and the company grew a reputation for producing high-quality knitwear that can be passed down through the generations. The business is still run today from the same Welsh town by his great-great grandchildren Lisa Wood and Chris Jones. It received the Royal Warrant in 1989 and continues to make socks for members of the royal family, and stay true to its crafting heritage by employing local designers and makers.



HATS OFF

Based in Mayfair, London, Lock & Co is thought to be the world's oldest hat shop and the city's oldest shop. It was established in 1676 by hatter Robert Davis, whose apprentice James Lock married Davis' daughter Mary. Nearly 100 years later, James and Mary Lock moved the

shop to No 6 St James's Street, where the seventh generation of the family still runs the business today. The shop has measured and dressed some of the most illustrious heads in history, including Admiral Lord Nelson, Oscar Wilde, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and actor Charlie Chaplin.



Admiral Lord Nelson and his famous bicorne hat



King Charles visited the Corgi Hosiery factory in 2015



King Charles wore kilts in his youth, and often wears one today

HIGHLAND FINERY

Now in the sixth generation of family management, Kinloch Anderson in Edinburgh has been expert in tartan and highland dress since 1868. Established by William Anderson and his two sons as a small, bespoke tailoring business, its relationship with the British monarchy dates back to 1903, when the company supplied items to King Edward VII. Since then, it has been granted a Royal Warrant of Appointment as Tailors and Kiltmakers to many members of the royal family, including King Charles, George V, and the late Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Elizabeth II.

HAND IN GLOVE

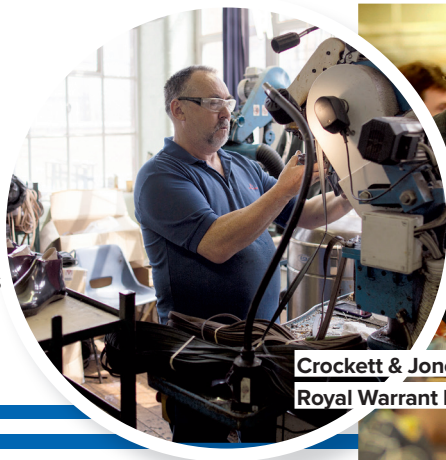
Wiltshire-based Dents crafts the finest leather gloves, a tradition it has practised for more than 240 years. The original company was set up by John Dent in 1777, from a small house in Wood Street, Worcester. Dent's commitment to high-quality craftsmanship has been upheld ever since, and the company's gloves have adorned everyone, including monarchs and movie stars. The single white ceremonial glove, with a gilt metal-thread embroidered gauntlet, worn by King Charles at his coronation, was originally made by Dents for King Charles' grandfather, King George VI, to wear on his coronation on 12 May 1937.



From monarchs to celebs, Dents has provided high-quality gloves

Fine footwear

Crafting quality boots and shoes with a worldwide reputation, Crockett & Jones is a fifth-generation family business based in Northampton, the country's shoemaking capital. The luxury footwear specialist was founded in 1879 and still operates from its original factory, which has received both King Charles and his grandfather as royal visitors. It takes a highly skilled workforce, 200 separate operations and eight weeks to create a pair of the company's famous Goodyear welted shoes (where the upper and insole are stitched to a welt, or leather strip). Requiring excellent hand-eye coordination, many of the processes involved take years to learn and master.



Crockett & Jones was awarded its Royal Warrant by the King in 2017



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