

## **If you are playing with KOMC, you should have these items as part of your uniform and instrument kit.**

If you want to use a vendor besides the one listed, check with the Pipe Major first. You'll save us all time and yourself money.

- **Shirt**
  - Black military shirt
    - Proper Battle-Rip Dress Shirt. We bought them through this website:
      - <http://tacticalgear.com/propper-long-sleeve-tactical-dress-shirts-black>
  - KOMC T-shirt or solid black t-shirt
    - Ordered as needed. Email the Pipe Major with size and quantity
- **Hat**
  - Black balmoral or glengarry – [https://www.thepipershut.com/Black-Glengarry\\_p\\_746.html](https://www.thepipershut.com/Black-Glengarry_p_746.html)
    - No dicing
    - Black pom (the little ball on the top).
      - If your hat has any other color pom, please remove it, dye it black, or you can replace it with one from Hobby Lobby.
    - Clan badge, KOMC badge, or Fred DeSmith pin is fine
    - No other adornment
- **Hose (socks)**
  - Black Pipers Hose
    - Pipers Hose is the name of the particular style/brand. Get them in black.
 [https://www.thepipershut.com/Black-Piper-Hose\\_p\\_341.html](https://www.thepipershut.com/Black-Piper-Hose_p_341.html)
  - Lovat Green for St. Patrick's Day – [https://www.thepipershut.com/Lovat-Green-Piper-Hose\\_p\\_907.html](https://www.thepipershut.com/Lovat-Green-Piper-Hose_p_907.html)
- **Flashes/garters**
  - Required: **Mid-grey** traditional tie garter
 <https://scottishtartansgiftshop.com/shop/mens/footwear/traditional-garter-ties/>
  - Required: Orange traditional tie garter
 <https://www.thegundogaffair.com/en/women-socks-gaiters/pennine-garter-ties-orange-825668>
- **Shoes**
  - Black, comfortable shoes. Solid black tennis/running shoes are fine.
    - No boots.
    - **Small Group:** Black Ghillie Brogues marching Sole. These are good: Ask if you should buy them for KOMC before you do.
    - [https://www.thepipershut.com/Piper-Ghillie-Brogues\\_p\\_1112.html](https://www.thepipershut.com/Piper-Ghillie-Brogues_p_1112.html)
    - Don't buy the cheap ones – you get what you pay for...
- **Sporrans and belts**
  - Black Sporrán with minimal bling (silver)
    - Black sporrán of your choice (just dig around the internet and see what you find that you like.. The Pipers Hut has several.
    - You should be able to get a decent, usable one for under \$100;
  - Black Belt
    - Embossed is optional
    - buckle is your choice
- **Vests for small Group)**
  - <https://www.thepipershut.com/>
- **Kilts**
  - Your family tartan, or a tartan that you like.
    - PLEASE don't buy one without checking with the Pipe Major. There is a LOT of junk out there, just like with pipes and drums. If what you buy looks like crap, you won't be able to wear it.

- **Sgian Dubh (sock knife) pronounced skeen doo (optional)**
  - Your choice. You don't have to have one.
- **Rain Cape**
  - Inverness Capes (will be required in 2016)
  - Recommend getting the hood. It keeps the cold, icy rain off of the back of your neck.
  - [https://www.thepipershut.com/Rain-Capes\\_c\\_136.html](https://www.thepipershut.com/Rain-Capes_c_136.html)
  - <https://www.hendersongroupltd.com/product-category/highland-wear/inverness-capes/>

**Instruments****PIPERS**

- You should have the following things in your pipe bag.
  - Black hemp (carry in your sporran)
  - Yellow hemp
  - Chanter tape (1/4" black auto pinstripe tape works very well in Louisiana) (carry in your sporran)
  - A new, spare set of drone reeds
  - **2** (two) extra BAND chanter reeds that you are working in anticipation of your current reed dying in the middle of a performance. (carry in your sporran during band gigs)
    - [https://www.thepipershut.com/Melvin-bagpipe-chanter-reed\\_p\\_1166.html](https://www.thepipershut.com/Melvin-bagpipe-chanter-reed_p_1166.html)
  - 2 MORE for your regular chanter.

**DRUMMERS**

- Spare sticks/mallets
- Spare drum head(s)
- Whatever else you know might break on your instrument and need to be replaced in a hurry.

Your opinions on any of these items is welcomed.