The Kilkenny Design Workshops are sponsored by the Government of Ireland with the object of improving design in industry and providing a show place for good design.

Kilkenny's aim is to produce good original saleable designs which are made available to industry for multiple production.

The Kilkenny Shop in San Francisco's famous Ghirardelli Square is the West's largest showcase of designs from The Kilkenny Design Workshops.

The Workshops are located in a handsome crescent of 18th century cut stone buildings which once housed the stables, stores and dairies of Kilkenny's Ormonde Castle just across the road.
We also present the best of traditional Irish handcrafts, including handwoven floor rugs from Macroom (often made to customer specifications); the West Coast's largest selection of Donald Davies dresses (and shirts for men); exquisite Galway Crystal; and the ever popular Fisherman Handknits.

"It is characteristic of the age that heavy emphasis is placed on increased quantities of everything, on greater productivity, on reduced unit costs and on all the techniques promising greater abundance. There is not the same preoccupation with improvement in quality; ease and speed of making tend to erode the very features that make an article worth possessing in the first place. The process is gradual, but failure to respect and to cultivate quality may easily end up in a condition of meritless, unwanted, surpluses."

We have two criteria: quality and beauty. We find the one generally ensures the other.

W. H. Walsh, Chairman of The Kilkenny Design Workshops, said it best in describing the purpose of the design centre. We displayed his words in our shop, and so many visitors asked for copies that we reprint his statement for you above:

The Kilkenny Shop Ghirardelli Square
900 North Point San Francisco 94109 U.S.A.
Tel: (415) 771-8984
All Kilkenny designed earthenware and stoneware is handcrafted by skilled technicians from highest quality, non-toxic materials to make them long-lasting, ovenproof, and safe to use.

(a) Child’s Breakfast Set. Cereal Bowl and Mug in “Bird Tree” design. Children delight in discovering and counting the birds.

(b) Coffee Mugs. Each comes in distinctive gift/carry pack. Specify design: Flower Train, Bird Tree, or Butterfly.

(c) For Tea Lovers. Some say a truly good cup of tea must be brewed in an earthenware pot, which should be brown. The classic 5 cup version below has bamboo handle, comes with matching sugar and creamer.

(d) Stoneware Teapot. A lovely 6-cup contemporary design in brown glaze stoneware. White, bamboo handled version of c (sugar and creamer in white as well).
(a) **Irish Stewpot.** A handsome oven-to-table casserole, 4 pint capacity. Complete with traditional recipe for Irish stew.

(b) **Ovenproof Casseroles.** Designed to grace the table. Natural stone colour. Small (1 1/2 pint) or medium (2 pint). The long handled saucepan in small size only.

(c) **Coffee Time.** Keep it hot in this 5-cup earthenware pot with matching milk jug, covered sugar, and wide-based mugs.

(d) **Shanagarry.** Ireland's famed hand-thrown country pottery. Individual sugar and creamer. Large pitcher holds over a quart. Tall mug for hot or cold drinks. Saucer doubles as bread/butter plate. Full-range description on request.
Gold and Silver from Kilkenny. Selection from a wide range of hand-wrought gold and silver jewellery—details and prices on enclosed order form.
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(a) Large Sauceboat
(b) Small Sauceboat
(c) Fruit Bowl
(d) Sauceboat and ladle on rosewood base
(e) Wine Jug and six goblets on rosewood tray
Gold and Silver from Kilkenny. Selection of hand-wrought Kilkenny sterling holloware made to order.

(a) Wine Goblet
(b) Liqueur Goblet
(c) Goblet
(d) Christening Mug
(e) Wine Jug
Gold and Silver from Kilkenny. Selection of hand-wrought Kilkenny sterling holloware made to order.

(a) Oval lidded dish and plate
(b) Napkin rings; wide band, wire loop, double band, small wine coaster
(c) Triangular cigarette box
(d) Teapot, Water Jug, Coffee Pot
Gold and Silver from Kilkenny. Selection of hand-wrought Kilkenny sterling holloware made to order.

(a) Money Clip: triangular and round
(b) Paper Knife
(c) Fruit Bowl
(d) Water Jug
Hand Blown, Hand Cut Galway Crystal from Ireland. This beautiful crystal has been awarded "super-glass" rating for its high lead crystal content, as well as its double annealing process which increases tensile strength of the glass and gives it extraordinary sparkling white light.

(a) Clifden. Left to right: U.S. Goblet (1); European Goblet (2); Continental Champagne (3); Red Wine (4); White Wine (5); Sherry (6); Liqueur (7); Saucer Champagne (8); Double Old Fashioned (9); Highball (10).


(c) Gifts to Treasure. Shannon Candelstick (7") (1); Tuam Candelstick (4") (2); Lynch Violet Vase (3") (3); Tralee Vase (10") (4).
(a) Mortar & Pestle in Iroco for herbs (5” high).

(b) Salt, Pepper, Egg Cup & Napkin Rings in Irish Yew.

(d) Elm Salad Bowl 9” diameter. Plates in Beech 7” salad, 10” dinner, 12” platter.

Matching designs in Elm, Napkin Ring, Egg Cup, Nut Bowl, Salt & Pepper Set. Salt dispenser and pepper grinder in Iroco.

Kilkenny Designs in Cast Iron.

(c) Male & Female Candelsticks – Gift Boxed singly.

(e) Invertible Candle Holder (one way up for thick candle, upside down for standard taper). Boxed.

(f) Table Warmer uses votive candles.
Handwoven Shannon River Rush

(a) Haymaker’s Hat Keep cool in a Summer sun. Size and shape can be adjusted when hat is wet. State small, medium or large.

(b) Rush Placemat, 12” x 18”

Table Mats 7” square

Plant Holder with handle 4” – 5” diameter.

Cracker or Bread Tray, oblong (also pen & pencil holder for desk)

Mini Pincushion of real Irish Lace in rush basket.

Round Bread Basket

Diamond Bread or Sandwich Basket

(c) St. Brigid’s Cross. Comes with descriptive history.

(d) Cushion Cover 16” x 16” available ready made for non-knitters. 100% wool, hand washable. Natural white.

(e) Aran Knit Cushion Cover Kit Everything needed to make attractive 16” x 16” Aran knit cushion cover shown at above; instructions, wool, needles, backing, closing, darning needle for assembling, plastic bag to carry your work.
100% Linen Kilkenny designed Irish Glass Cloths 20" x 30". Translations of "Sean Phocail" (proverb) underneath each cloth.

(a) Wren  (f) Gossip
(b) Hills  (g) Nose
(c) Orpheus (h) Hair
(d) Beetle (i) Animals
(e) Feast (j) History

(k) Tea
(a) **Teacloth** of 100% linen, 20” x 30”. Includes instructions to make doll.

(d) **Irish Linen Luncheon Sets.** Each boxed set contains 4 mats and 4 napkins in one of these colours: gold, white, orange, natural, blue.

(b) **Linen Handkerchiefs,** gift boxed. Men's set of 3; Ladies embroidered green, set of 3; Ladies embroidered white, set of 3.

(e) **Single Linen Placemats,** 12” x 18” and matching 16” x 16” Linen Napkins. Please state colour: cream, pumpkin, zinia, peat (as shown). Also available in red, white and blue.

(c) **Heavy Folkweave Irish Linen Oven Mits,** Apron with deep pockets; **Tea Cosy,** gold (shown) tan or blue.

(f) **Linen Luncheon Sets.** Four 12” x 18” Mats and four 16” x 16” napkins. **Flower Border** (top) in gold, red or blue. **Sunflower** (bottom) in green, orange, or peat.
Left: "Polaris" Giant Beach or Bath Towel, 40" x 70". Reversible colours; scarlet/navy, green/navy or brown/navy.

Right: "Cluster" Bath Sheet.
Oversize 36" x 70" in thick soft terry. Brown, magenta or blue/green.

Below: Kilkenny Kitchen
Hand Towel: 16" x 30" terrycloth. Red, green, blue or gold.
(a) **Kerry Woollen Mill's** thick, 100% wool. Blanket in brown/white Plaid. Single (72" x 90") or double (90" x 90"). Superb quality for long wear and warmth.

(b) Same blanket in wide stripes of brown, blue or red. Single sizes only.

(c) **Kerry's Folkweave Bedspread/Blanket.** 14" longer than blanket to go over the pillows. Singles or doubles in brown/charcoal; blue/green; Red; or Natural.

(d) **Foxford Travelrugs**, finest available anywhere 58" x 68"; 100% wool. Dress Stewart, Macgregor and Kennedy tartans.
(a) **Mohair Throws:** Light as a feather, warm as toast. These wool and mohair 48” x 72” throws are perfect gifts for people who love soft comfort while napping or watching the late-late. Luscious shades of gold plaid, blue/green check, orange plaid, light blue plaid, fuchsia check, blue plaid, orange check, blue/mauve check.

(b) **Lightweight Worsted Throw from Kerry.** 48” x 72”. For car or couch; table cover or attractive shawl. Large plaid in Red, Blue, Brown, Gold.

(c) **Handwoven Mohair Throws** from Donegal Designs – have no equal. Elegant stripes of magenta, gold or blue/green.
Handknitting is one of the world’s oldest crafts, and no one does it as well as the Irish. The intricate Aran Island patterns have been handed down in families for centuries.

(a) Aran handknit poncho with turtle neck, so easy to wear. You won’t want to take it off. One size fits all. Seaweed (shown). Also available in natural white. The Crios Hat (pronounced “Kriss”) is from the Aran Islands.

(b) Traditional Galway Bay Tam, in natural white, for men or women.

(c) Traditional Crios Belt, 6 ft. long, handwoven in Aran Island fashion. Adds flair to jeans or evening dress. State colour preference: deep blue, red, light blue, gold, navy blue, light green, pink, green or lavender.

(d) Handknit close-fitting hat with matching 6 ft. long scarf in natural white wool.

(e) Snug handknit ski cap to pull over the ears, and matching mittens. For children to age ten. (Please state age of child).
Fisherman Handknits for Men and Women
by Carbery of Cork.

These are the finest handknit sweaters you can buy. 100% wool, they hand wash or dryclean beautifully, and will give you many years of pleasurable wear.

(a) Lady's lumber jacket has two pockets, round neck, and leather buttons. A crisp looking cardigan, it will be at home over skirts or dresses as well as jeans. Sizes 36, 38, 40, 42. Tell us your dress size and height to ensure perfect fit.

Men's crew neck pullover comes in sizes 42, 44, 46, and 48. Tell us your shirt size and height. Matching pullover also available for ladies in sizes 36-40.

(b) Man's V-neck button cardigan with 2 pockets, size 42-48.

Lady's turtle neck pullover, size 36-40. Matching turtle neck also available for men.
The Kinsale Cloak. Traditionally worn in the West of Ireland, this luxurious, beautiful hand-made cloak is of such close-woven wool it is quite rain resistant. Partially lined in heavy satin, it hangs and moves with elegant grace. One size fits women to 5’ 7” tall. It can be made longer for taller women at slight additional charge. Royal purple (shown) or black.
(a) Sedgeweave Shawl (a loopy weave of mohair and wool) in gold stripe, with deep fringe. Lightweight but warm. Also available in winter white, blue/green, or black.

(b) Crock of Gold Gossamer Wool Shawl. As fine as cobwebs, this handwoven lace weave shawl will keep off the evening chill with hardly an ounce of weight. Aqua shade (shown) or white.

(c) Foxford’s Connemara Shawl is another tradition in Ireland. This cashmere-soft wool is tightly woven, self fringed. The 70” x 70” size makes an elegant evening wrap, or a warm comfortable throw. It is also available in 50” x 50” size. In black (shown) or burgundy.

(d) Lace, Openwork Stoles in handwoven gossamer wool by Crock of Gold in soft shades of fushia, white, blue and gold.
Donald Davies of Dublin is famous for his classic shirtdress in gossamer wool. He now turns his hand to other styles for his fabulous fabrics.

(a) A long wrap skirt with flattering flounced hem, topped by a ruffled long sleeved shirt. Skirt comes in small or medium (state waist measurement), and in a pink plaid as well as the soft green shown. The natural white shirt comes in sizes 8-16. All in hand washable gossamer wool.

(b) Lady's ruffled shirt in bluebell shade, sizes 8-16. Man's gossamer wool sports shirt in soft gold/brown plaid (small, medium, large and extra large).
(a) Mohair Poncho  Handwoven, feather-weight mohair poncho with matching tam. Irresistibly soft. One size fits all. In blue (shown) pink, fuschia and white.

(b) Cape  Belted cape is made from 100% wool blanket-weight cloth. Fully lined, with two handy pockets. Easy and flattering to wear. Shown in soft lavender plaid. Also available in traditional tartans of green or red. One size fits all.

(c) Seersucker Shirt  Classic shirt by Kildare in finest Swiss cotton seersucker. Navy or grass green in sizes 10-16.

(d) Corduroy Shirt  Pinwale corduroy shirt for men by Kildare Sportswear. Fawn colour in small, medium, large and extra large. Women's sport shirt to match in sizes 10-14.
For Men Only

(a) Tweed Ties. Hand woven in gossamer wool by Crock of Gold. Colours shown: Gold/grey stripe; emerald; green stripes; gold; blue stripe; fawn; olive stripes; blue; orange stripe.

(b) The Deerstalker In 100% handwoven wool tweed in shades of Dublin mist (state regular hat size and whether you prefer brown or beige or green shades).

(c) Cashmere Scarves Handwoven cashmere scarves by Crock of Gold, luxuriously soft, in subtle herringbone patterns of burgundy, natural and blue.

(d) The Boating Cap Shown here in brown corduroy (also in fawn or navy). The same cap can be had in natural white tweed. State regular hat size.

(e) Irish Fishing Hat Made of rough handwoven Connemara tweed. This hat can be squashed, rained on, stuffed in pockets. It is indestructible and its charm grows with age and use. Shown in grey tweed. Available also in brown or green shades. State hat size.
(a) Wall Hanging based on rubbing from early Christian stoncarvings in St. Canice’s Cathedral, Kilkenny; mounted on natural wood dowel. Size 7” x 2’ 8”.

(b) Irish Coffee Glass, you can’t miss with Galway Crystal’s Irish Coffee glass – the proportions are etched on the side. Set of six comes in handsome gift box with instructions.

(c) Packie and Mary Kate will delight your favourite child. Packie carries his fish net, wears Aran knit sweater and tam. Mary Kate carries hen and chicks in real rush basket. Soft and responsive about 10” tall. The handknit bear also sports an Aran sweater.

(d) Map of Ireland tea cloth. 100% linen, 20” x 30”. To brighten your kitchen or hang on a wall. Irish Toast version reads “May you be in Heaven half an hour before the Devil knows you’re dead.”

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