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The Wonderful World Of The Scottish Sporrans

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A sporran is the pouch worn hanging down at the front of the kilt (The word simply means purse). Other than this pure utilitarian use, the sporran adds a bit of style too, especially if adorned with silver or gold.

Sporrans originated as a doeskin bag which contained ammunition or daily rations for Highlanders.

Over the centuries, sporrans became more elaborate. Leather was replaced with badger, seal or moose.

The opening of the sporran, known as the cantle, was attached to the top by leather thongs. A silver or gold cantle was often used.

The modern sporran is now a highly ornamental accessory worn for formal occasions such as weddings.

Sporrans are of three general types. Daywear sporrans are made of leather and are worn as informally as a belt bag.

And how are sporrans worn? Sporrans are worn over front of the kilt in the centre of the body. Meanwhile for traditional dancing, the sporran belt should be hiked up a few notches.

With its centuries-old tradition, you'd think the sporran was untouchable. But sporran wearers are always looking for new ways to wear theirs.

A famous wearer of the sporran is screen legend Sean Connery. The Scottish actor was presented with a sporran by the Queen.

So what of the future of the sporran? Nowadays, even in Scotland herself, traditional dress is becoming less popular.

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