

MCCONNELL



ACCESSORIES 2024

M^CConnell is an Irish knitwear brand located on the Wild Atlantic Way, on the west coast of Ireland. With a strong focus on heritage and craftsmanship, the collection draws inspiration from time-honoured work-wear pieces. The *geansaí* for example, is key - and traditional Aran and fisherman rib sweaters are reworked for a contemporary wardrobe.

A strong colour palette is featured in the Autumn Winter 2024 Collection, echoing the landscape of the wild, rugged, Irish coast. Both menswear and womenswear share a relaxed and carefree spirit with modern proportions and contemporary detailing. The work-wear sweater epitomises the brand's philosophy of updating iconic classics with modern elements and timeless design. Natural yarns and hand finished techniques complete the DNA of the brand.

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McConnell is pleased to introduce the new 2024 collection of knitwear and accessories. We have taken inspiration from our home county of Clare and the yarns we selectively chose from mills in Ireland and across Europe.

Growing up on the Wild Atlantic Way influenced McConnell designer Anne's knitwear. A strong family heritage of knitting ensured Anne was immersed in the craft. This experience created for Anne a love of knitwear that continues to inspire her to this day.

For 2024, Anne designed seven collections. We have named each after a unique location in Clare and highlighted the wools that the garments are produced in. Moreover, the craftsmanship of these products is testament to the skill and passion of our team who make them.

Wool is a special, unique material that should be celebrated.

Here are some of the reasons McConnell loves wool:

- **100% Natural:** Wool is a protein fibre formed in the skin of sheep, and is therefore totally natural
- **Renewable:** Every year sheep and goats produce a new fleece; making wool a renewable fibre source
- **Biodegradable:** Wool can be returned to the soil, where it decomposes, releasing valuable nutrients into the ground
- **Natural Insulator:** As the humidity of the surrounding air rises and falls, the wool fibre absorbs and releases water vapour. Heat is generated and retained during the absorption phase, which makes wool a natural insulator
- **Kind to Skin and Allergies:** Next to the skin, the fabric is extremely breathable. It is hypo-allergenic, has a naturally high level of UV protection and is flame-retardant
- **Multi-Climatic/Trans-Seasonal:** Wool constantly reacts to changes in body temperature, maintaining its wearer's comfort in both cold and warm weather
- **Easy Care:** The protective waxy coating on wool fibres makes wool products resistant to staining and as it is anti-static, garments attract less dust. Wool is antibacterial and doesn't retain unpleasant smells. Consequently, it requires little or no washing. Instead, knitwear should be air dried. Hang it up in an airy space or outside and let nature do the rest

Sustainable, ethically manufactured, affordable luxury and comfortable knitwear is at the core of what we do.

McConnell hopes that you will love this year's collection as much as we do.

Míle Buíochas

Thank you

Anne Behan



KILLALOE

PURE NEW WOOL



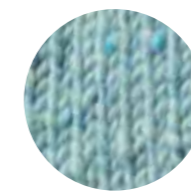
Killaloe is nestled on the Shannon, at the western edge of Lough Derg and County Clare. This collection's inspiration is its unique and beautiful location. Knitted in an Aran weight yarn made from Pure New Wool. This yarn is modern in its aesthetic with large speckles of contrasting colours and is spun in a traditional method in Donegal.

Pure New Wool is not blended with other fibres, the yarn is fine, yet strong and durable. Pure New Wool is the result of the wool shorn annually from a sheep after their first shear (lambswool). Soft and fluffy, it makes the most versatile garments.

The "Killaloe" is the largest of the McConnell collections, paying homage to the Geansaí Árann, maritime and sea-faring life. Like the West, this collection is resilient and robust. Killaloe itself is the busiest boating and fishing centre in Co. Clare. The Birthplace and court of Ireland's High King Brian Ború and the home of McConnell.



BARLEY



BLUE



PINK



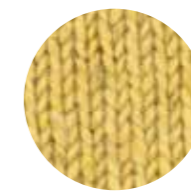
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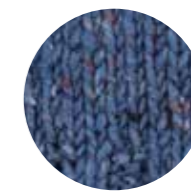
GREY



LIME



LEMON



JEANS

THE FISHERMAN
M22-342

Hat Pack*
100% Pure
New Wool

Photo
Red
Classic Pack

Size
One Size

* Sold as either a mixed colour pack
or a single colour pack of 6,
to sell at retail individually

* Only sold as a pack of 6, to sell at retail individually



THE FISHERMAN M22-342 Hat Pack* 100% Pure New Wool Photo Sorbet Pack



THE FISHERMAN M22-342 Hat Pack* 100% Pure New Wool Photo Autumn Pack



THE FISHERMAN M22-342 Hat Pack* 100% Pure New Wool Photo Classic Pack



THE FISHERMAN M22-342 Hat Pack* 100% Pure New Wool Photo Forest Pack



Grey



Fern



Teal



Red



Cobalt



Navy

THE BRETON
M22-404

Hat Pack*
100% Pure
New Wool

Photo
Breton Pack





Oatmeal



Lemon



Barley



Caramel



Latte



Walnut

THE HUNTER
M22-343

Hat Pack*
100% Pure
New Wool

Photo
Autumn Pack





Grey



Barley



Blue



Lime



Pink



Lemon

**CHUNKY CABLE
HAT**
M21-323

Hat
100% Pure
New Wool

Size
One Size



Grey



Barley



Blue



Lime



Pink



Lemon

**CHUNKY CABLE
SCARF**
M21-324

Scarf
100% Pure
New Wool

Size
One Size



Grey



Barley



Blue



Lime



Pink



Lemon

TAM BERET
M21-304

Hat
100% Pure
New Wool

Size
One Size





Ecru



Lemon



Rose



Blue



Lime



Lilac

RICE STITCH HAT
M18-56

Hat
100% Pure
New Wool

Size
One Size

MILTOWN MALBAY

FINE IRISH & NEW ZEALAND WOOL



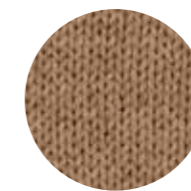
The “Miltown Malbay” is created using a combined yarn of 60% Fine Irish (Galway Wool) and 40% New Zealand Wool spun in Ireland. Galway Wool provenance is unrivalled in the Irish Wool Market and is shorn exclusively from registered purebred Galway Sheep. New Zealand is home to over 25 million sheep and provides some of the highest quality sheep’s wool. Galway wool is naturally white and has an uncompromising strength.

New Zealand wool is white with a bounce-back durability, reducing flattening and wear of the yarn. Combining these two types of wool with their significant natural white colour allows further colour enhancement with the dyeing process of the yarn. Giving the collection an extraordinary beauty of colour, depth, and clarity.

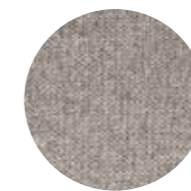
The “Miltown Malbay” is a genderless collection made for Men and Women, available in striking colours of Natural to Gem like hues. Miltown Malbay is situated on the coastline of West Clare, famous for its traditional music and the uilleann piper Willie Clancy’s annual summer school and festival.



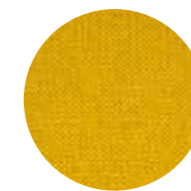
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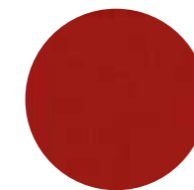
SAND



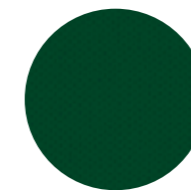
GREY



OCHRE



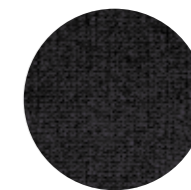
RED



GREEN



DARK BLUE



CHARCOAL

RIB BEANIE
M18-140

Beanie
60% Fine Irish
40% New Zealand Wool

Photo
Red*

* Sold as a pack of 8 and available in all colours on page 23, to sell at retail individually.

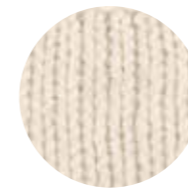
LAHINCH

CASHMERE

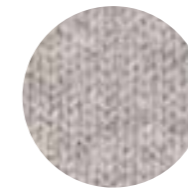


Cashmere is the wool of the Cashmere goat originating in the Himalayan mountains, Kashmir, India. The fleece is combed rather than sheared, making this one of the most luxurious natural fibres. Cashmere has a high natural crimp, which results in an incredibly silky and lightweight yarn. Cashmere is difficult to obtain as the breed of goat produces only a small amount of wool in a year. Is there any wonder that the finished yarn is regarded as luxury wool?

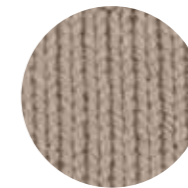
Our Lahinch collection is knitted with a combined 95% Lambswool and 5% Cashmere yarn. McConnell can create luxurious pieces that don't break the bank. Lahinch is reputed as a surfers and holiday mecca with 2 kms of sandy beach in the shape of a crescent moon. Much like Lahinch's Surfers and Sea swimmers, our collection is relaxed and fun. Ultimately the "Lahinch" collection will keep the wearer warm after a dip in the Ocean or stroll on the coldest days.



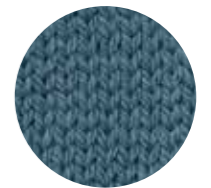
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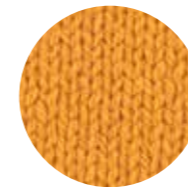
DOVE



TAUPE



TEAL



GOLD



RED



NAVY



CHARCOAL

**CHUNKY ARAN
BEANIE**
M19-121

Hat
95% Lambswool
5% Cashmere

Size
One Size



Ecru



Pale Pink



Moss



Gold



Sky



Dove



Aqua



Red



Taupe



Teal



Navy



Charcoal

**CHUNKY ARAN
BEANIE**
M19-121

Hat
95% Lambswool
5% Cashmere

Size
One Size

**CHUNKY ARAN
BEANIE**
M19-121

Hat
95% Lambswool
5% Cashmere

Size
One Size



Ecru



Pale Pink



Sky



Dove



Taupe



Teal

**CHUNKY ARAN
SCARF**
M19-123

Hat
95% Lambswool
5% Cashmere

Size
One Size



Moss



Gold



Aqua



Red



Navy



Charcoal

**CHUNKY ARAN
SCARF**
M19-123

Hat
95% Lambswool
5% Cashmere

Size
One Size

BURREN

ALPACA



The Burren National Park, which covers 1,800 hectares in County Clare, drawing its name from the Irish boreen, or rocky place. The Burren is considered fertile rock and is internationally famous for its landscape and unique flora.

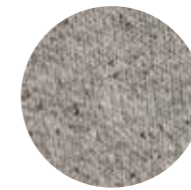
Alpacas are equally internationally famous. Native to South America and once an animal only to be seen at the zoo or circus, it is common now to see them on farms across Ireland.

An alpaca's fleece yields soft, durable, luxurious, and silky natural yarn. Alpaca fibre is similar to sheep's wool, yet it is warmer, naturally water-repellent and fire-resistant. It's pretty tough but soft to the touch.

The "Burren" collection is available in a colour palette not too dissimilar to the landscape, nature and fauna of its inspiration. The collection is subtle but will endure even the harshest of elements.



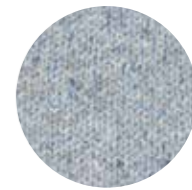
BARLEY



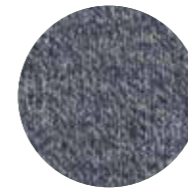
GREY



LEMONADE



SKY



PERSIAN



WALNUT



NAVY



INK



Grey



Barley



Lemonade



Navy



Walnut



Ink

ADARE SLOUCHY
M23-463

83% Merino
17% Alpaca

Size
One Size





Grey



Barley



Lemonade



Navy



Walnut



Ink

ADARE BEANIE
M23-461

83% Merino
17% Alpaca

Size
One Size



Grey



Barley



Lemonade



Navy



Walnut



Ink

ADARE SCARF
M23-462

83% Merino
17% Alpaca

Size
One Size



Spearmint



Ocean



Cerise



Charcoal

THE SEÁL
M24-516

Shawl
83% Merino
17% Alpaca

Size
One Size

KILFENORA

LAMBSWOOL



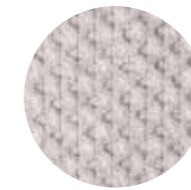
"Kilfenora" is our Lambswool collection, also known as virgin wool. This is the first shearing of a sheep fleece at approximately seven months or younger. Lambswool is exceptionally smooth, soft, hypoallergenic, and difficult to wrinkle. Since sheep can only produce Lambswool once, it is a rarer and more expensive wool.

Lambswool is sourced from various sheep breeds, including the Shetlands of Scotland and the native Swedish Gotland, one of the oldest sheep breeds. Characteristically it is much finer than adult sheep wool with a natural elasticity, making it a good choice of yarn for all knitwear, especially accessories of hats and gloves, as it offers such warmth. Lambswool is resistant to dust mites therefore is a good option for allergy sufferers.

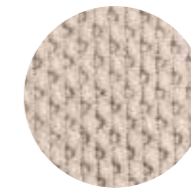
Our Kilfenora range is comforting, soft to the touch and young at heart. Kilfenora is legendary for its Céilí Band (Est 1909) and for being the backdrop to the cult comedy "Fr Ted". As it has a cathedral, it is defined as the World's smallest city, so like Lambswool, it is rare.



WHITE



FEATHER



IVORY



ACORN



White



Feather



Ivory



Lime



Rose



Acorn

ARAN BEANIE
M21-308

Hat
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size





White



Feather



Ivory



Lime



Rose



Acorn

ARAN SCARF
M21-298

Scarf
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size



White



Feather



Ivory



Lime



Rose



Acorn

ARAN GLOVES
M22-381

Gloves
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size





Feather



Pale Pink



Yellow



Rust



Sage



Smoke



Red



Berry



Denim



Taupe



Lime



Cobalt

FLORAL COLLAR
A17-01

Collar
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size

FLORAL COLLAR
A17-01

Collar
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size



Feather



Pale Pink



Yellow



Rust



Sage



Smoke



Red



Berry



Denim



Taupe



Lime



Cobalt

FLORAL BEANIE
A17-02

Beanie
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size

FLORAL BEANIE
A17-02

Beanie
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size



Feather



Pale Pink



Yellow



Rust



Sage



Smoke



Red



Berry



Denim



Taupe



Lime



Cobalt

MITTENS
M23-382

Mittens
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size

MITTENS
M23-382

Mittens
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size



Feather



Ivory



Feather



Ivory



Smoke



Gold



Smoke



Gold



Lime



Berry



Lime



Berry

POM-POM STRIPE SLOUCHY
M21-321

Hat
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size

POM-POM STRIPE SCARF
M21-322

Scarf
100% Lambswool

Size
One Size

DOOLIN

MERINO

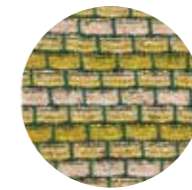


“Experience the incredible,” said the village of Doolin, which is also true of Merino Wool. The Merino sheep is native to Spain and its wool was so precious that for centuries the Spanish monopolised the market, with a ban on exports of the breed. Those who tried were punished with death. That was the middle ages, and today Australia and New Zealand have the largest populations of Merino.

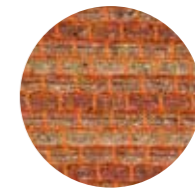
The sheep can withstand temperatures of 5 degrees to 95 degrees, which is why their wool is effective at regulating body temperature in both cold and hot weather, making it a popular choice for all seasons and for those who love the outdoors. It is superfine, shiny and one of the most comfortable types of wool next to the skin. Our Merino Collection is a lot like Doolin, colourful, welcoming and has something for everyone. Doolin is a vibrant place full of characters, stories, the home of traditional Irish music and the gateway to the Aran Islands.



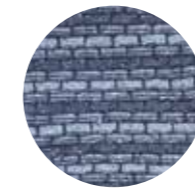
CANDY



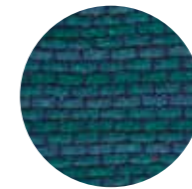
MOSS



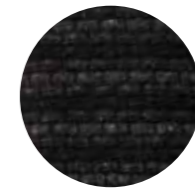
RUST



DENIM



JADE



CHARCOAL



Candy



Moss



Rust



Denim



Jade



Charcoal

**BASKET WEAVE
BEANIE**
M19-185

Hat
100% Merino

Size
One Size



Candy



Moss



Rust



Denim



Jade



Charcoal

**BASKET WEAVE
SCARF**
M19-186

Scarf
100% Merino

Size
One Size



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