

John Foster

In 1819, the John Foster story of producing the world's finest worsted cloths from luxurious merino wool, mohair, alpaca, cashmere and silk began. At the age of 21 he started to revolutionise the textile industry. In 1835, Mr. Foster erected a mill in Black Dyke, Queensbury, on the site of a family farmstead. This mill became known as *Black Dyke Mills* and was the foundation upon which John Foster's immense empire was built.

John Foster cloths have been at the centre of world fashion since they won their first awards at the Great Exhibition of 1851.

About us

Today John Foster continues to weave worsted, mohair and cashmere made from the highest quality merino wool, as well as other noble fibres, into luxury fabric for the finest couturiers, fashion houses, designers, tailors and retailers across the globe.

Renowned for fine fabrics and quality cloth making since 1819, the John Foster name is a pinnacle for premium suit fabric and apparels.

Our worsted mill in Bradford is ideally located in the heart of Yorkshire's textile industry, capturing centuries of British weaving skills, tradition and heritage.

Innovation, design, technological investment, the highest quality standards and entrepreneurial flair combined with hundreds of years of craftsmanship define our business. These qualities are the essence of the John Foster name and will continue to maintain our benchmark position in the textile manufacturing industry.

Collection inspiration

Beautiful worsted wool cloths, that tailor for a well-cut suit is always going to feature in our collection. The focus of the collection is classic suiting designs that are subtle and sophisticated, following the heritage trend. Our collection is evolving to create a range of fabrics to respond to the ever-changing marketplace. Casual, comfort and relaxed dressing seems to be becoming more sought after, so an additional element of the collection, introduces fabrics for blazers and jacketing where the focus is on contemporary colour.

City twist suiting

F4984- 100% Extra Fine Worsted 280/300 grammes

Looking back into our archives was the inspiration for this modern take on a vintage look, glen checks, windowpanes and puppy tooth designs. A classic city look inspires a palette of grey, charcoal

and navy, with subtle hints of olive and brown. The cloth has a sharp retro look with a crisp, clean and dry handle.

Semi crushed twist suiting

F5042-100% Extra Fine Wool 280/300 grammes

Tonal colour and twist yarn create a misty, muted surface in glen checks and semi- plains. The semi-crushed finishing process creates a cloth with a soft, warm handle with subtle surface interest in muted menswear tones.

Business suiting-clear cut

M4633- 100% Merino Extra Fine Wool 275/295 grammes

Timeless stripes and elegant glen checks and windowpane designs in classic suiting colours for a refined formal look. Understated decoration in a palette of silver grey to charcoal, contemporary blue, navy and midnight.

Business suiting- semi milled

M4743- 100% Merino Extra Fine Wool 275/295 grammes

Chalk stripes and discreet checks with subtle colouration feature in traditional menswear shades. Alongside more contemporary tonal checks and stripes in varied blues and greys inspired by the black watch.

Merino Blazering

M5029- 100% Merino Extra Fine Wool 275/295 grammes

Bold blazer checks in traditional menswear colouring - combinations of rich blue, olive green, tan, rust and tobacco. A strong look for the customer who wants to make a statement

Oxbridge Flannel suiting

F5011/F5022 100% Super 120's Wool 360/380 grammes

Beautiful timeless flannel designs, classic chalk stripes, glen checks blended with modern windowpanes in an extensive colour range. Complementing the Autumn Winter collection is our signature vintage flannel bunch 'Oxbridge Flannel'. Woven with a nostalgic reflection of John Foster heritage, Oxbridge incorporates designs and shades inspired by our extensive cloth archives. A stock-supported bunch crafted using a worsted-woollen hybrid and a traditional double mill finish offers a range of beautifully soft Super 120's flannel cloths.

Oxbridge Flannel Jacketing

F5019 100% Super 120's Wool 320/340 grammes

Contemporary windowpanes, traditional gun club and shepherd check designs interspersed with semi-plains in complementary tones. Fresh and modern colour inspiration combine to introduce a collection of jacketing fabrics in capsule colour presentations. Using the beauty of woollen yarn and a double mill finish to create an extension of the Oxbridge family in a relaxed modern jacketing.

Super 160's 6-Ply Coating

F5050 100% Super 160's Wool 560/580 grammes

Luxury super 160's wool coating fabric using a unique 6-ply yarn in a double twill weave produces a wonderfully robust and heavy coating cloth with the soft handle of a luxury wool micron. Available in clear cut and semi-milled finish in a sophisticated classic range of colours and designs.

Stock-Supported Range

Park Lane Super 120's

M8000 100% Super 120's Wool 280/300 grammes

Park Lane Super 120's is woven using two-fold yarn to provide excellent strength and performance in tailoring. The cloth uses only the finest Australian merino wool. Designed in a range of classic and elegant checks and pinstripes, this collection is suitable for any business environment or special occasion. The cloth weight makes it suitable for all four-seasons and is popular in all countries throughout the world

Oxbridge Flannel Suiting

F5011/F5022 100% Super 120's Wool 360/380 grammes

A nostalgic reflection of cloths from our archives, combined with tradition and John Foster heritage. Crafted using a worsted-woollen hybrid, the handle is soft due to the traditional double mill finishing technique. This vintage wool flannel bunch combines classic shades with more vibrant hues and autumnal mixtures. Chalk stripes, houndstooth, checks and a modern twist on the classic glen check make this a comprehensive range of coordinated plains and patterned cloths.

Savile Row Super 130's

M4815 100% Super 130's Wool 260/280 grammes

F5031 100% Super 130's Wool flannel 270/290 grammes

F5012 100% Super 130's Wool cavalry twill 340/360 grammes

A classic collection of plains and designs manufactured using 90's two-fold yarn in Super 130's Superfine Australian Merino. 'Savile Row' cloth makes the perfect all-round business suit, offering elegance and comfort with a 'nod' to the street in London famous for first class bespoke tailoring.

Masterpiece Super 150's

CC78 100% Super 150's Wool 250/270 grammes

Masterpiece offers a colourful twist on classic designs in our flagship bunch of Super 150's worsted wool. Using the finest Australian merino wool and spun into a special compact yarn, the luxurious woven cloth has improved comfort, reduced pilling and greater resilience to wear.

Grandmaster Super 180's and 10% Cashmere

CC180C 90% Super 180's Wool & 10% Cashmere 230/250 grammes

Grandmaster is an exquisite cloth created by blending Super 180's ultrafine Australian merino wool with the precious fibres of Mongolian cashmere. This exceptional fabric, with 10% cashmere, has a

remarkably soft handle and a beautiful drape. A collection of modern designs means a garment made from Grandmaster is the essence of luxury, created for our most distinguished client.

Platinum 13.75 micron Super 200's wool

M4718 100% Super 200's Wool 220/240 grammes

M4742/22072 100% Cashmere 275/295 grammes

Platinum, the absolute pinnacle of luxury, represents the most luxurious and exclusive bunch in our range. Comprising a selection of 100% Super 200's 13.75 micron ultra-fine wool cloths, and 100% worsted cashmere cloths available in a selection of classic plain shades.

The pure cashmere is sourced from the foothills of Mongolia and spun into a 2-ply yarn offering additional strength whilst retaining the softness synonymous with cashmere.

The Super 200's wool is sourced from some of the rarest Australian Merino sheep and spun into the finest 120/2nm yarn. Woven in our mill by master craftsmen in a time-honoured way, the designs are classic and elegant. The collection offers the ultimate in sophistication and luxury, making it perfect for a handmade bespoke suit.

Blackstorm. Evening Formal wear

A refined collection of worsted and mohair cloths woven exclusively for formal and evening wear. Incorporating the finest Australian merino wool, South African mohair, silks, 100% cashmere and our exclusive Escorial wool. Traditional barathea weaves for Tuxedo are offered alongside modern tropical cloths for a lighter weight dinner suit. Self-stripes, micro designs and morning stripes complete the collection.

Festival

CC802CS/CC802PCS 100% Merino Extra Fine 225/245 grammes

JF4963/F22117 95% Super 120's Wool & 5% Mohair 250/270 grammes

The Festival bunch offers two cloths, both light in weight, durable and comfortable to wear with remarkable crease resistance. The wool mohair mesh fabric, a mix of 95% Super 120's wool and 5% mohair, provides true comfort and durability for summer jackets.

The jacketing cloths coordinate beautifully with the lightweight 100% merino wool trouser fabrics. The 100% wool cloths make crisp, sharp suiting, as well as being highly suitable for trouser separates. This versatile cloth is suitable for a range of climates due to wicking properties of the natural fibres used in creating this fabric.

Summerstrand

M4712/22039/F22114 94% Super 100's Wool & 6% Mohair 215/235 grammes

F4983 73% Wool & 27% Kid Mohair 360/380 grammes

A balanced and refined blend of ultra-fine super 100's wool and mohair. Summerstrand has an iconic British handle, with drape and body that encourages garments to retain shape and improve performance. The finishing techniques enhance the lustre of the mohair fibre used, whilst at the same time allowing natural crease resistance of the cloth. In addition to natural crease resistance, the breathability of mohair fibres makes the perfect travel cloth, a cloth truly suitable for warmer climates. A two-ply mohair twill and a mohair barathea complete the bunch. The bunch comprises

an extensive range of classic shades accented with brighter plains for a more flamboyant fashionista. Designs include puppytooth, prince of wales checks and classic pinstripes.