

BEARSKIN

Bearskin is a heavy twilled woollen cloth made from coarse wool containing kemp (long smooth white fibres which don't take the dye) from hill breeds of sheep. The surface is raised (brushed to pull the long fibres onto the surface and lay them the same way) but not cropped. The result is a cloth with a long, shaggy nap, hence the name. This was used for cloaks and greatcoats for civilian wear, but also for locally procured military watch-coats prior to the introduction of the regulation Great Coat in 1802.

Having located samples of original early 19th C Bearskin we are currently developing this cloth. Please get in touch if you are interested in receiving samples when it is ready.

Specifications:

Type:	Bearskin
Fibre:	Woollen Warp and Weft, coarse hill breed fleece including Kemp
Weave:	2 / 2 Twill
Finish:	Milled, raised, uncropped
Width:	54"
Weight:	18 oz per Yard ²