

An Epicurus Tartan

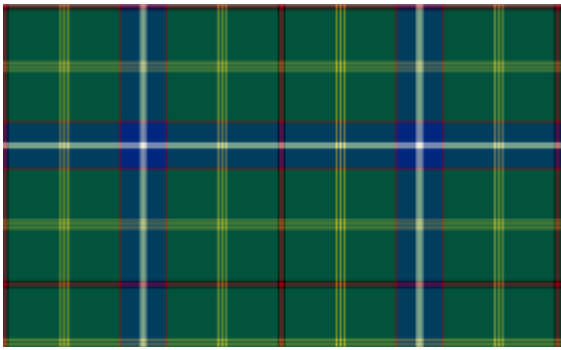
Post by “Don” of November 10, 2025 at 2:45 PM



I was playing around with the [Tartan Designer at the USAKilts.com website](https://www.usakilts.com/tartan-designer) and decided to see if I could come up with anything relating to Epicurus. I grant you that it's not a great design, but I was curious how much symbolism I could incorporate. To that end:

1. The red and black lines signify atoms (red) in the void (black).
2. The total number of green threads add up to 109 for Epicurus being born in the 109th Olympiad.
3. The green was used to symbolize the plants and trees within the Garden.
4. The three yellow lines are for both the 3rd year within the 109th Olympiad as well as the three legs of the Canon.
5. The blue lines stand for the 20th, Epicurus birthday (in the 7th month of Gamelion (the white) and the monthly 20th).
6. The blue and white are meant to bring to mind the blue and white cross on the modern Greek flag, representing Epicurus' birthplace.
7. The red guard lines on the blue are meant to represent the continuing living legacy of Epicureanism down through the ages.

I encourage others to try out the Tartan Designer and come up with a better design 😄 . There is ZERO chance this design will EVER be woven or worn, but this was a fun exercise to see what's possible in this art form.



Post by “Eikadistes” of November 11, 2025 at 10:16 AM

That's awesome! Very cool idea.

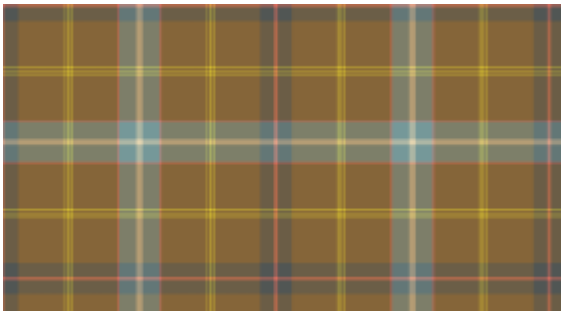
Post by “Don” of November 11, 2025 at 4:05 PM

Okay, now I'm obsessed 😁 so I decided to try some variation on the "Epicurus Tartan." Here is the tartan in a Weathered (or "Reproduction") Palette. You'll note that the sett is the same (the thread count and order) but the specific colors themselves have been swapped out for "weathered" versions:

[Weathered \(aka reproduction\)](#) - The Weathered color palette (also known as "Reproduction" by one mill) is meant to look like the tartan has been recovered from a bog and affected by the weather. It uses lots of browns and grays to drive that look home.

Red turns to a "salmon" red; Blue turns to bluish grey; Green becomes brown; Yellow turns to pale gold





PS: I just realized I didn't put the right thread count on the "atoms and void" stripes. My bad.

Post by “Don” of November 11, 2025 at 4:24 PM

And LAST one, promise, Epicurus Ancient:

Ancient - The Ancient color palette is meant to simulate older plant dyes, which would generally come out lighter in color. In the tartan cloth, the following colors (as defined in the tartans' thread count) have the following shades: Red turns to orange; Blue turns to a light sky blue; Green is a grassy green; Yellow is a pale yellow

