

Made in BRITAIN

In a world of mass production, it is comforting to know that some pieces are hand crafted and built to last. Here, we take a tour of the country to find the finest craftsmen

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Whatever you're holding in your hands, if it was made in China it was probably inexpensive and shipped into the country by the hundreds of thousands. A 'Made in Britain' mark, however, guarantees something a little more special. From 100-year-old cobblers in the Midlands to a world-class guitar maker in Scotland, a whistle-stop tour of the UK unearths some truly treasured handmade delights.



Hertfordshire

Luggage by Globe-Trotter

Globe-Trotter's famed suitcases have certainly seen many corners of the globe during the brand's impressive heritage, dating back to 1897 when it was founded by Englishman David Nelken in Saxony, Germany. After returning to the UK in 1901, where it has remained ever since, its luggage has been carried by the likes of Captain Robert Falcon Scott on his Antarctic expedition in 1912, Sir Winston Churchill, Queen Elizabeth II on her honeymoon in 1947 and Sir Edmund Hillary on his ascent to base camp during his climb of Mount Everest in 1953. Few could dispute just how well-travelled this British brand's pieces have been. Each case is made from Vulcan Fibre, a unique material which was invented in Britain in the 1850s and is made up of 14 layers of hard-working paper, bonded, coloured, riveted, lined and finished with leather details by hand. The ultra-stylish, utterly durable suitcases have become an 'It' travel accessory, carried by celebrities and travel aficionados for over a century.

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