



Ethical and Sustainable

Knitwear Manufacturer

Elegant Knitting
International

Company Profile

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ABOUT US

Elegant Knitting International is a modern GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) certified knitwear manufacturer specialising in quick response and low minimum order quantity production. Based in Sri Lanka, Elegant is also accredited to SMETA 4Pillar social compliance with a genuine ethical commitment to creating the best working conditions for all our employees.

We are an ideal partner for buyers committed to responsible sourcing and sustainable manufacturing and who are seeking a strategic supply chain advantage.

Elegant has a long history of supplying market segments in Australia, Europe and the US where small MOQs and flexibility are critical for our customers. Especially in corporate imagewear, bespoke schoolwear, organic children's knits and exclusive high fashion sweaters.

Elegant Knitting does not supply direct to the public, but instead develops long and trusted relationships with its wholesale customers. We use advanced computerised knitting machines with the world's best yarns to create beautiful garments that enhance the brands of our customers.



OUR VISION

Work ethically with our customers, employees and suppliers to build the best knitwear.



OUR VALUES

- Harness our ingenuity and productive capability to meet our customers needs whilst having a positive impact on the environment.
- Work to improve the welfare of the local community within which we operate.
- Use natural fibres where possible that cause little harm to the environment and create value for our customers.



Elegant Knitting International's owners have established a non-profit foundation. The foundation provides funding to disadvantaged Sri Lankan women to start their own business and improve their livelihoods.



COMPANY HISTORY

Elegant Knitting International has a long heritage. Arising from post-war Europe and commencing operations in Australia in 1952 and Sri Lanka in 2011, it is one of the few third-generation knitting businesses still operating in the world today.

1952

First sweaters knitted and purchased by major Australian retail chain

1969

Manufacturing facility built in Tamworth

1976

Factory extension in Tamworth officially opened by Deputy Prime Minister of Australia

1978

First Defence Department contract won

1991

New manufacturing and warehousing facility built in Penrith

1981

Relocated from Tamworth to Sydney

1993

First Australian knitting company accredited to ISO 9001 quality system

1993

Winner of Australian Industry Quality and Achievement Award

1994

Launches worlds first organic merino sweater

2001

Inaugural recipient of DRS for supply chain performance

2019

New facility built in Biyagama Export Processing Zone Sri Lanka

2018

Awarded global supplier of the year for high OTIF delivery performance

2011

Manufacturing in Sri Lanka commenced

2010

Certified by Australian Ethical Clothing Scheme

CAPABILITIES

The new Elegant manufacturing facility is located in one of the largest government export processing zones in Sri Lanka, with excellent services and infrastructure such as a dedicated firefighting department and medical centre.



SAMPLE DEVELOPMENT

The product development team can quickly turn our client's knitwear visions into a reality.



KNITTING DEPARTMENT

Using our state-of-the-art computerised flatbed knitting machines which can knit from very coarse to extremely fine knit structures.



MAKEUP DEPARTMENT

To give our clients the greatest flexibility, we have both traditional linking and also cut and sew lines so that complicated hybrid designs can be manufactured within the same facility. Elegant has a strict policy not to subcontract any work so that complete control of the process is maintained.



WAREHOUSE

We hold over 200 colours of stock yarn. It also adjoins the Knitting department for enhanced production flow.



EMBROIDERY DEPARTMENT

Our inhouse embroidery department enables us to ensure our quality is fully controlled. It also allows Elegant to offer enhanced bespoke embroidery options to our customers such as individual name monogramming on sweaters.

- 400 Staff
- On site sample development capabilities
- 125 modern flatbed knitting machines – 3gge, 8gge, 12gge, 14gge and 18gge

- 45,000 pieces per month capacity
- 13 linking and sewing makeup lines
- Internal washing plant
- 90 head embroidery capacity.



CERTIFICATIONS

Elegant is certified to the Global Organic Textile Standard to supply 100% organic cotton products. GOTS certification ensures that only sustainable and organically grown cotton is used. During the manufacturing process goods are protected from any kind of contamination ensuring purity.



Elegant Knitting also operates under the OEKO-TEX scheme whereby all our suppliers of inputs including the yarn and accessories such as labels and packaging are certified as compliant to the OEKO-TEX 100 standard. The standard requires all inputs to be tested to 100 different parameters for harmful chemicals that can be unsafe for the wearer of the garment.



PRODUCT SAFETY

Elegant has stringent metal control processes to ensure product safety which is critically important for our childrenswear clients. Our inhouse testing lab also undertakes our compliance tests such as button attachment strength to ensure continuous product safety testing.



SOCIAL COMPLIANCE, QUALITY AND PERSONNEL SAFETY

Elegant Knitting is a member of SEDEX, the most recognised compliance organisation in the world with more than 60,000 companies audited in more than 180 countries. We have been independently audited against the SMETA's 4 pillar standard which goes further than traditional compliance certifications. Not only are all the critical issues that affect the lives of the workers checked and safe guarded, but also the company's environmental practices and business ethics behaviours. We have a zero-tolerance culture for anything and anyone who does not uphold the ethical values of Elegant Knitting.

The 4 pillars of a SMETA



Labour Standards

Health & Safety

Business Ethics

The Environment

Quality is the key focus of all our systems, and Elegant invests heavily in maintaining a highly trained quality inspection team as well as independent auditors so as to ensure product quality is guaranteed throughout production.



Elegant has its own onsite medical facilities and internal fire, safety and first aid teams to ensure our focus on providing a safe working environment remains in the forefront of our company's culture.



HIGH QUALITY SCHOOL KNITWEAR

BUILT TO LAST



- Develop your own distinct custom colour
- Natural cotton base blended with acrylic for the best of both worlds
- Soft and luxurious handfeel
- Huge range of colours available
- All seams twin needle overlocked and securely bartacked for durability
- Garments undergo stringent QC and lab testing to ensure they are safe and reliable
- Size 20 to 54
- Styles available as slipover or cardigans
- Strict colour standards are maintained so you can be certain of getting high quality knitwear in every delivery

Additional School Knitwear Options

JERSEY



SCARF



Custom Design

Elegant Knitting has a large sample development team and can produce a custom designed garment according to your school uniform requirements



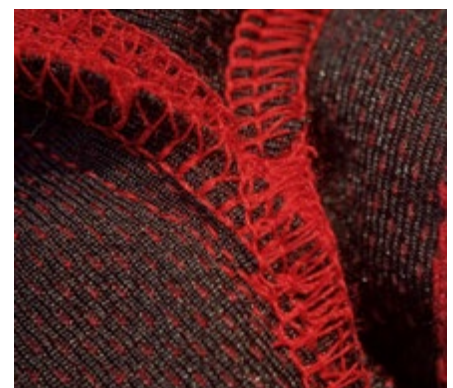
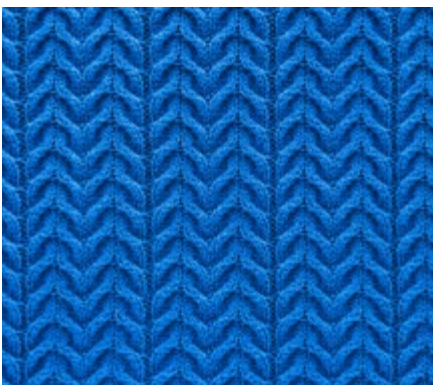
CORPORATE KNITWEAR

THE EXPERT IN BESPOKE DESIGNS

- Elegant Knitting is the trusted supplier of corporate knitwear to the worlds largest corporate apparel companies
- Banks, airlines, insurance, healthcare and transportation sectors are all fitted out in quality knitwear produced by Elegant Knitting
- Elegant Knitting offers low minimum order quantities for corporate knitwear and custom colour pallets.



- Our modern knitwear plant provide a range of complicated knit structures to give your designs more interest and enable us to meet your image, performance, quality and cost requirements.
- Elegant Knitting has a massive stitch library and experience with a large range of embellishments and accessories to assist in your development



SUSTAINABLE KNITWEAR

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Caring the for the environment and looking good doesn't need to be difficult



- Elegant Knitting produces a range of knitwear using recycled materials.
- Recycled materials are safe and hygienic. Furthermore, there is no difference in quality or appearance with garments containing recycled materials.
- All the recycled material is certified GRS (global recycled standard) product ensuring that it is actually recycled.

The qualities available

Economical - 50% new cotton / 50% recycled polyester

Deluxe - 60% new merino wool / 40% recycled polyester



Why use recycled polyester?

- Recycling polyester is great for the environment. 60% of all PET (requiring some 70 million barrels of oil) is used in the production of virgin polyester.
- Using recycled polyester can greatly reduce this oil consumption resulting in 54.2% fewer CO2 emissions and 33-53% less energy consumption.
- Additionally, far less plastic ends up in landfills and in our oceans
- All impurities are removed as the plastic (PET) is collected, melted down and re-spun back into polyester fibres which is just as good as virgin fibres



Recycled polyester fibres



FASHION KNITWEAR

SPECIALISTS IN SLOW FASHION

Elegant Knitting manufacturers a range of fashion knitwear. Specialising in high quality 'slow fashion' garments. Generally these garments are of a timeless design using natural fibres.



GOTS certified organic cotton knitwear



WHY SRI LANKA?

Not only is Sri Lanka a beautiful destination, but it is also GSP+ (duty free) into UK and all EU countries. English is also a major language facilitating business transactions and complex manufacturing demands. The strategic location of Sri Lanka means there is fast sailing times to EU and UK and cheaper air freight costs when required.





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