

History of Gear Stories: Frostline Kits

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Bruce Johnson, gear historian, shares his insights on the history of Frostline Kits, a company built on the idea of consumers sewing together their own gear. Frostline grew out of influential gear company, Gerry Mountain Sports in Boulder, Colorado.

Frostline would send kits of precut pattern pieces, thread, buttons, zippers, and everything needed for outdoor enthusiasts to sew together their own down parka, sleeping bag and more.

While the company was bought and sold and eventually closed down, its influence is still felt today among gear makers who share a passion for making their own gear.

Watch or listen to the whole story of this influential company on [YouTube](#) or on the [Highlander Podcast](#).

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