

history timeline

1930

2030



JK and Mary open our first shop – 'Old Charny' on Charnwood Street, Leicester

"I like to look people in the eye and know in my heart that they are getting a good deal"
JK Wilkinson



SHOPS

1930s

1940s

1950s

1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2020s

The post-war years see a boom in diy, with Wilkinson shops at the heart of it

Tony joins the business and goes on to become chairman



We open a new head office as well as a new distribution centre in Manton Wood

Lisa joins the business

The new brand rollout continues across the country
wilko family of companies begins in 2014



The wilko product brand is born. Paint came first, followed by 24 more products by the middle of the decade



PRODUCT



Wilkinson opens the first self-service hardware shop in the country

Head office and distribution centre moves to Carlton in Lindrick



We launch wilko garden and cleaning products

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Wilkinson brand gets a makeover and becomes wilko



Wilko decorating and adhesives, wallpaper, housewares, kitchenware, Christmas, hand tools, fixings, electrics, lightbulbs, disposables, stationery and petcare are our new launches

DIGITAL

wilkinsonplus.com is launched to meet our customers' demand for online shopping



Wilko power tools launch



2017 product design award winner
reddot design award

Wilko Asia opens in Hong Kong

More homewares join the range



2012-17 Future thinking stores – Crawley and Lakeside