Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann
National Museum of Ireland

museum

Activity Book

My Favourite Object

Turlough Park





Welcome to the National Museum!

Go to each floor.

Look at **lots** of different things before you decide which object you like the **best**.

My name is .....

Explore the Museum

Can you find these artefacts as you go through the Museum and cross them off?

Keep a lookout for your favourite object!

Level A

Traditional Dress
Introduction
Romance & Reality




Level B

Cycling the Country
The Times
The Natural Environment
Straw, Hay & Rushes






Level C

Trades & Crafts
School & Community
The Year in Ireland
Hearth & Home
Clothing & Textiles
Land & Water
The Forces of Change














Let's make an object

Can you find these objects on Level C?
What materials and tools do you need to make them?

Boyne Currach:

willow & hazel rods + _____ using hands

Horseshoe:

_____ using furnace + _____ + _____

Wool Socks:

_____ + natural dye using _____

Materials


Wool


Natural dye


Metal


Leather


Wood


Nails


Willow


Hazel


Straw


Linen


Briars


Heather


Rubber

Tools


Fire


Hammer


Hands


Anvil


Knitting Needles


Saw

Now pick your favourite object!

Write it here

What materials & tools do you need to make your favourite object?

My object:

_____ + _____ + _____

using _____

Who made this object?

_____

What was it used for?

_____

Where is your object found in the museum?

Level A Level B Level C Level D

Drawing: Let's warm up first!



1 Fill this box with scribbles, change your speed, direction and pencil pressure.

2 Fill this box with different types of lines.

Thin lines	Thick lines	Wavy lines
Heavy lines	Light lines	Vertical lines
Horizontal lines	Diagonal lines	Dots

3 Choose your favourite object. Draw with your non-dominant hand (not the hand you write with). Look at the object as much as you can.

4 Make a continuous line drawing of your object (don't lift your pencil off the page).

5 Draw by keeping your eyes on the object and NOT looking at the page.

6 Draw your object with your eyes closed.

Are you ready to draw your favourite object?

Take a closer look!

What colour is your object?

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What shape is your object?

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What tiny details can you spot when you look closely?

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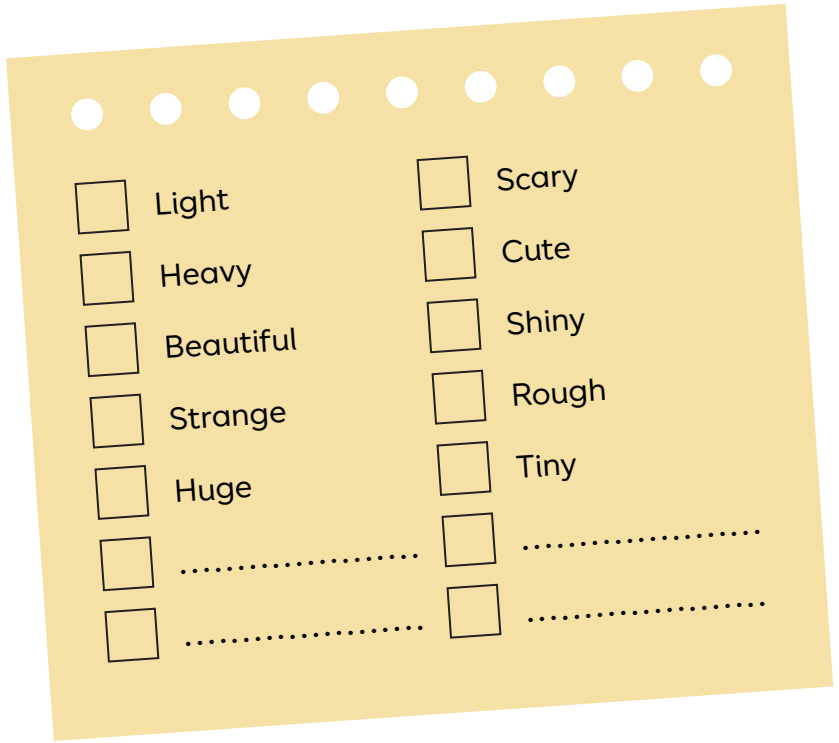


How **BIG** is your object?

- ◯ Smaller than my hand
- ◯ About the same size as my hand
- ◯ Bigger than my hand!

Describe your object

Tick words off this list that describe your object and add to the list.



Gather the information together to make an object label.

My Favourite Object is ..... It is roughly ..... years old. It was made in ..... It was made by a ..... It was used ..... I like it because .....

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What is your favourite object at home?

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Why?

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Well done! You're finished My Favourite Object

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