



KIDS' TRAIL!!

PART 2



Welcome – Fàilte!

I am Gadgie Cof — the museum's special guide for kids. I am going to show you some of my favourite things in the museum. Ready? Then let's get started!

2. THE MERCAT CROSS

A stone for making money

Did you know that long ago a stone like this could help a town make money? This is Dingwall's mercat (market) cross and it proved that Dingwall had been given the right to hold markets. It is probably around 500 or 600 years old. Imagine the busy scenes around it with traders and their stalls. People would come from far and near to buy things.

**Can you see the star carved at the top of the cross?
I have drawn half of it here. See if you can draw
the other half!**

Look out for other stars when you go upstairs. I have a story to tell you about them!



4. KITCHEN

Mod cons 100 years ago

Imagine having no electricity! Lots of housework we do nowadays also had to be done in the past — but without electricity it was much harder work. This display shows how a kitchen might have looked around 100 years ago. It is packed with things that people used in day-to-day life at home.

Can you spot the things listed below? Draw a line to connect the name to a picture of it, then draw another line to connect the picture to the description of how it was used.

RANGE



RUG BEATER



WASHING TUB & WASHING DOLLY



BELLOWS



No washing machines back then so you would put your dirty clothes, hot water and soap in the tub then use the washing dolly to move the washing around to get the dirt out.

You used this to blow air into the fire to get it burning. Good exercise for your arms!

You would hang your rug outside (perhaps over a wall or washing line) then beat it with this to get the dust out.

You used this for cooking on and for heating the room. You could also hang wet clothes near it to get them dry.

6. TOWN HOUSE MODELS

Spot the difference

Did you know that this building used to be Dingwall's Town House? Members of Dingwall Town Council used to meet here to make important decisions about the town. It also housed the local court and prison, and it was used as a place to hold important local events. The building dates back to the mid 1700s but there have been changes and additions to it over time. These two models show how it looked in the mid 1700s and the 1920s.

Can you spot at least six differences between the two models and circle them on the pictures here?

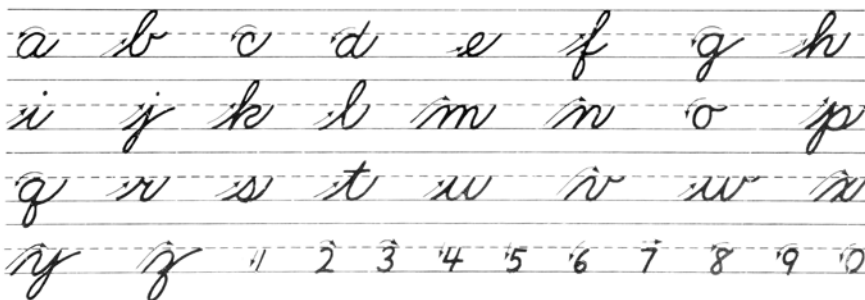
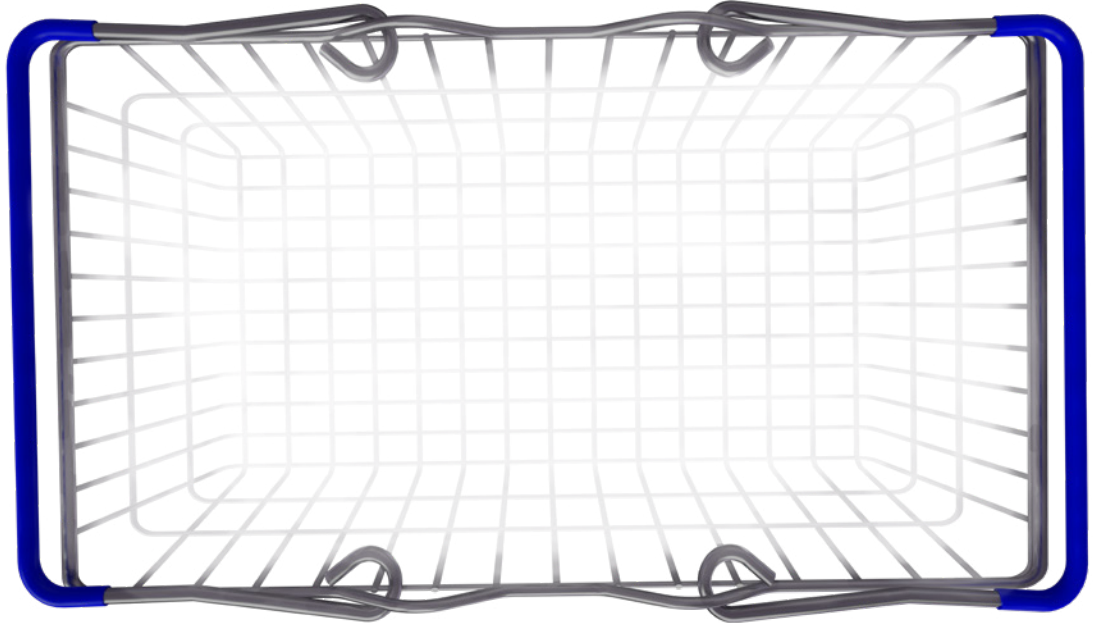


8. SHOPS

Getting the shopping

Nowadays, you probably get most of your shopping from a supermarket. However, Dingwall, like other towns, used to have lots of independent shops selling everything from groceries and sweets to supplies for sewing and knitting. In fact, we are lucky still to have some independent shops here as well as our supermarket.

Look at the things in the display case which used to be on sale in shops here. What would you have bought if you were living in Dingwall when these goods were on sale? **Choose some, then draw them in the shopping basket.**



9. SCHOOL

Writing Victorian-style

Look at the display case about school in Dingwall in the past. Learning how to write neatly was very important. **Can you write your name like a Victorian child would have written it?** This handwriting alphabet has arrows to show you how to start forming each letter.

Try writing your name:

Handwriting practice lines for writing a name in Victorian style.

Now try writing: 'Children should be seen and not heard.'
This was a favourite phrase of parents and teachers!

Handwriting practice lines for writing the phrase 'Children should be seen and not heard.'

11. COUNCIL CHAMBER

Star - or starfish?

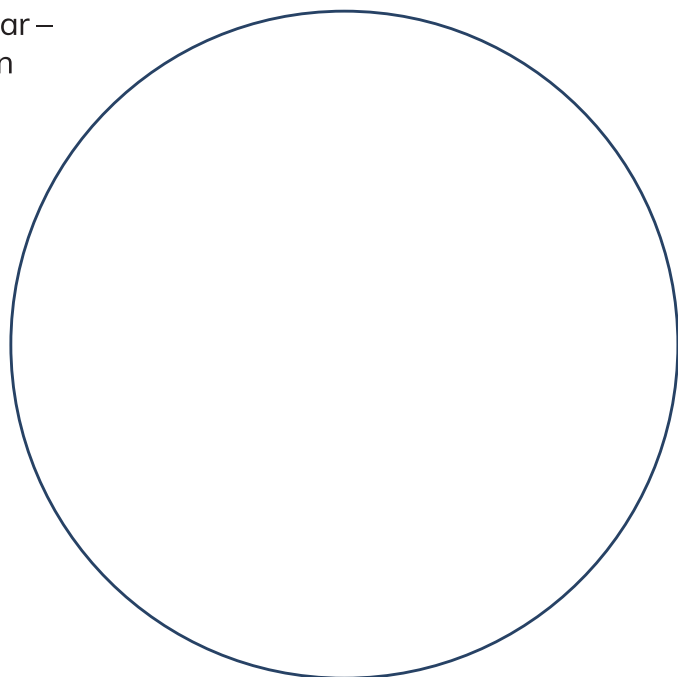
Do you remember that I pointed out the star on the Mercat Cross downstairs? Well, the star was the symbol of the burgh of Dingwall. It was used on the burgh coat of arms and also on official council seals, stamps and the chain of office worn by the Provost (mayor). How many stars can you see in this room?



However, some people think that it is not actually a star – they think it is a starfish like the ones you could find on Dingwall's marshy coastline. **What do you think?**

If you were designing a seal for your important letters, what would it look like?

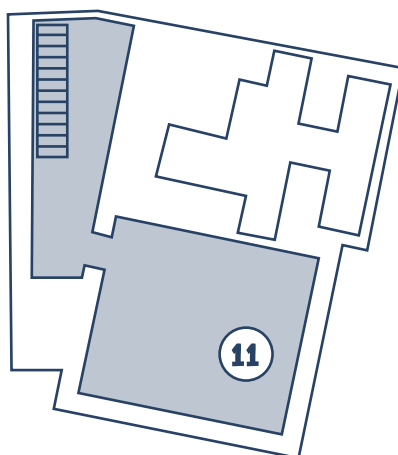
Draw your design inside here



GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR



KEY TO MAP

- 2. THE MERCAT CROSS
- 4. KITCHEN
- 6. TOWN HOUSE MODELS
- 8. SHOPS
- 9. SCHOOL
- 11. COUNCIL CHAMBER

I hope you have enjoyed touring the museum with me. Please come back again soon!

PS: there is also a Kids' Trail Part 1. Just ask for a copy at the front desk.

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