

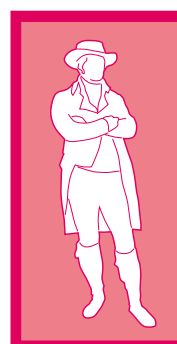
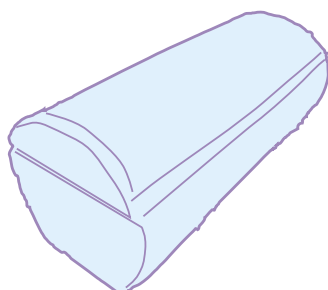
## Make your own Burns replica kit

### Why?

The process of putting together a handling kit or small museum display is a useful way of preparing for or following up a visit to a Burns collection venue. Referring to primary evidence at first hand can be a powerful way of learning. If pupils are able to piece together their own set of artefacts relating to Burns they will be more likely to enjoy the exercise and learn most from it.

### How?

- > Listed below is all you need to construct your own class / school kit of Burns-related historical 'artefacts' relating to the lessons detailed in the Discover Burns: Teacher Resource Kit for the Scottish Curriculum.
- > Items are easy to source and the kit is low cost to produce. Of course, if you wish to spend more money on items you can! Pupils could help source or make some of the items themselves.
- > Store items in a resource box for future projects on this topic.
- > Please adhere to hygiene policy of school / local authority for some items detailed.
- > Remember to remove perishable items each time you are finished with it or you may smell the kit before you see it next time you are looking for it!



## Burns Replica Kit

Artefact	Details	What does it tell me?	Where will I get it?	Related Lesson
Bible	Any bible will do. The more aged looking, the better!	Depicts Daily Life at the time of Burns	School	Virtual Visit Burns Cottage, Alloway
Candle	A white candle is preferable. Although not tallow (as in Burns' time) this will give pupils an idea of lack of electricity.	Depicts Daily Life at the time of Burns	Hardware store/supermarket	Virtual Visit Burns Cottage, Alloway
Sheep's Wool	A bundle of un-spun wool	Depicts Daily Life at the time of Burns	Try local craft shops or local cottage woollen industries. You may even find some on a fence! Do remember to bag it and seal it for hygiene reasons.	Virtual Visit Burns Cottage, Alloway
Vegetables / Grains / Eggs	Kail, potatoes, carrots, onions, turnips, leeks, oats, barley. Remember to remove these items when storing!	Depicts Daily Life at the time of Burns	Supermarket, fruit shop or your own garden perhaps?	Virtual Visit Burns Cottage, Alloway
Mutch - Mop Cap	Make your own from a largish circle of cotton or similar plain material. Stitch fine elastic in a circle about 15 cm from the edge all the way round to create the 'fill'	Depicts clothes at the time of Burns	Fabric from charity shop. Fine elastic from craft shop or needlework retailer.	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries
Shawl	A loosely knitted shawl or a thin blanket folded corner to corner to form a triangle shape	Depicts clothes at the time of Burns	A charity shop	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries
Apron	The longer the better. One with a bib section attached to the main part would be super. Nice and plain please!	Depicts clothes at the time of Burns	A charity shop	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries
Stockings	To the knee or above and woolly and dark if possible. Cropped girls' woolly tights would be perfect.	Depicts clothes at the time of Burns	A charity shop	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries
Cropped Trousers	Cropped boys trousers with elastic sewn into a casing at the knee.	Depicts clothes at the time of Burns	A charity shop	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline
Scots Dictionary	The simpler the better to allow children easy access to words. Please return if borrowing from library	Depicts Scots Dialect	Home, school, library	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Writers' Museum, Edinburgh Useful for all Virtual Visit Venues
Small Box with 'Snuff'	Make your own by covering a matchbox with silver foil. To enhance the design, glue string in patterns onto the box before putting the foil on top. Press the foil around the string and hey presto – an intricate silver box!! Fill it with flour to simulate the snuff.	Depicts Pastimes at the time of Burns		Virtual Visit Bachelors' Club, Tarbolton

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Pipe containing tobacco	Push a plug of tobacco inside a pipe.	Depicts Pastimes at the time of Burns	A newsagents, tobacconist or charity shop. A kind grandpa may even donate one!	Virtual Visit Bachelors' Club, Tarbolton
CD / Tape of fiddle music	Please return if borrowing from library.	Depicts Pastimes at the time of Burns	Local Library / School / Charity Shop / Music Retailer	Virtual Visit Bachelors' Club, Tarbolton
CD / Tape of Burns' songs	Please return if borrowing from library.	Depicts Pastimes at the time of Burns	Local Library / School / Charity Shop / Music Retailer / Burns venue shop	Virtual Visit Bachelors' Club, Tarbolton
Quill pen and ink/inkwell	A small aged looking pot would suffice for an inkwell.	Depicts Burns' Writing	Ink - stationers Feather - art shop. If using a feather found outside, please remember to bag it and seal it for hygiene reasons.	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Bachelors' Club, Tarbolton Virtual Visit Writers' Museum, Edinburgh Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries Virtual Visit Robert Burns House, Dumfries
Nibbed pen and ink/inkwell	A small aged looking pot would suffice for an inkwell.	Depicts Burns' Writing	School / art shop / stationers	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Bachelors' Club, Tarbolton Virtual Visit Writers' Museum, Edinburgh Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries Virtual Visit Robert Burns House, Dumfries
Burns Poetry Book	Please return if borrowing from library.	Depicts Burns' Writing	School / Library / Charity Shop	Virtual Visit Burns House Museum, Mauchline Virtual Visit Bachelors' Club, Tarbolton Virtual Visit Writers' Museum, Edinburgh

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Box of tobacco or cigarettes	Use as basis for discussion.	Depicts Burns' Excise Duties	Tobacconist, supermarket, newsagent	Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries
Selection of drinks bottles	Use as basis for discussion. Full or empty! Each should detail proofs to allow discussion of excise duties	Depicts Burns' Excise Duties	Home / donated from friends / supermarket	Virtual Visit Robert Burns House, Dumfries
Red card	Use as basis for discussion. Make your own from a piece of red card. In bold lettering write ITEMS TO DECLARE on it.	Depicts Burns' Excise Duties	School paper stores	Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries
Green Card	Use as basis for discussion. Make your own from a piece of green card. In bold lettering write NOTHING TO DECLARE on it.	Depicts Burns' Excise Duties	School paper stores	Virtual Visit Robert Burns House, Dumfries
Newspaper article detailing budget taxes	Use as basis for discussion. Collect this just after the Chancellor has announced budget details. The simpler the article the better.	Depicts Burns' Excise Duties	Any newspaper	Virtual Visit Ellisland Farm, Nr Dumfries
Selection of Burns souvenirs	Small, low priced souvenirs are available at many of the attractions e.g. pencils, rubbers, statuettes, tea towels etc.	Depicts Burns' Popularity	Most Burns attractions. Click on the Actual Visits section of our website for addresses to send to.	Virtual Visit Robert Burns House, Dumfries
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Programme from a Burns supper	If you have a school Burns supper, keep one of the programmes to add to the kit	Depicts Burns' Popularity	Perhaps a family member, a parent, a staff member has one they would donate to the kit	Virtual Visit Robert Burns House, Dumfries
A haggis, a turnip and some potatoes	Remember to remove these items when storing!	Depicts Burns' Popularity	The butcher / supermarket / fruit shop	Virtual Visit Robert Burns House, Dumfries