

Highland Crafts

Source 1

1. Why were people in remote areas obliged to learn a variety of trades?

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2. Who was the most important craftsman in the community and why?

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3. How reliable is the evidence that 'much heavy domestic work was done by women'?

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4. What encouraged the growth of the tartan weaving industry?

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Source 2

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. Describe what a 'creel' looks like?

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2. Why was willow used?

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3. What evidence in this source backs up the claim that 'much heavy domestic work was done by women'?

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Source 3

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What do the letters SWRI stand for? :

S

W

R

I

2. Draw a sketch of the Orkney chair.

Source 4

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. Which made the better rope – grass or heather?

2. What evidence is there suggesting heather ropes have along history?

3. Give three uses heather rope was put to.

i.

ii.

iii.

Source 5

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What was the purpose of carding the wool?

2. What is a :

i. mutch:

ii. shawl:

Source 6

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. There were two major advantages in the use of the distaff for spinning over the spinning wheel. What are the two advantages?

- i.
- ii.

2. Look at the photo. What do you think the two boards lying on the wool at her feet were used for? (hint : think back to Source 4)

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Source 7

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. What was the main advantage of the spinning wheel over the 'drop spindle' and 'distaff'?

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2. When did spinning wheels come into use in the Highlands?

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Source 8

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. Name two types of spinning wheel?

- i.
- ii.

2. What does the word ‘**muckle**’ mean?

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3. How was the wool/yarn wound up on the ‘muckle wheel’

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4. What were the advantages of the ‘Saxony wheel’ over the ‘muckle wheel’?

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Source 9

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. Choose the three correct statements that describe how thatching of a roof was done :-

- An old fishing net was first laid on the walls and the thatch placed on it.
- A wooden frame was constructed on to which the thatch was placed.
- Heathery turf was first placed over the frame and then the thatch on top.
- Thatch was placed over the frame and then heathery turf was laid on top.
- Large rocks were laid on top of the thatch to hold it down.
- An old fishing net was spread over the thatch and tied down with large rocks to secure it.

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