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“Murney Tower Rocks!” Instruction Sheet



Are you ready to explore the structure of Murney Tower with us? We bring the museum to your home through this fun craft activity which explores the limestone heritage of the Tower and Kingston.

About the Museum:

Murney Tower Museum is a small, local museum operated by the Kingston Historical Society in partnership with Parks Canada. It is one of four Martello Towers in Kingston and is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Rideau Canal and Kingston Fortifications. It is also the oldest operating museum in Kingston, having celebrated its 95th birthday in 2020. The museum has over a thousand domestic and military artifacts and offers tours, programming, and exhibits.

About the Workshop:

The primary objective of “Murney Tower Rocks!” is to bring the Tower’s limestone heritage to life by exploring the importance of the construction and structure of Murney Tower Museum in Kingston’s cultural and geographical landscape. Kingston is known world-wide as the Limestone City. Many of



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Kingston's old buildings, including the Murney Tower, were built by carving limestone out of the ground where the building is constructed. Our workshop is available for ages 5-12, in which acrylic paint and

limestone are used to artistically display Murney Tower. To enhance the experience, we prepared an informational and instructional video which will be available on YouTube the week of April 12th-16th.

Come grab your supplies and join us in this fun craft activity. Let's explore Murney's limestone heritage together!

Supplies:

Provided by Murney Tower Museum:

- 1 locally sourced rock
- 1 container of black acrylic paint
- 1 container of red acrylic paint
- 1 container of white acrylic paint
- 1 paintbrush
- 1 instructional video on the Kingston Association of Museums, Galleries, and Heritage Sites YouTube channel

Individually Sourced:

- 1 glass or container of water
- 1 sheet of cardboard or newspaper
- 1 sheet of paper towel
- 1 device to watch our instructional video via YouTube

Process:

Setting Up:

- 1) Cover a flat surface with newspaper or cardboard to protect it from paint and put on apron or clothes that can get dirty
- 2) Take out the materials from the paper bag and place them on the protected surface
- 3) Grab a glass of water in order to wash the paintbrush and a piece of paper towel to dry the paintbrush
- 4) Start the instructional video



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Activity:

- 5) Use the paper bag to sketch the design you want to put on your rock
- 6) Dip your paintbrush into the colour you want to use and paint directly onto the rock
- 7) If you want to switch to a different colour, clean the paintbrush in the water to avoid cross-contamination
- 8) Dry paintbrush with paper towel
- 9) Repeat steps 6-8 until you have completed your design

Cleaning Up

- 10) Move your rock to a safe location where the paint can dry
- 11) Wash the glass to make sure the paint does not settle
- 12) Recycle the cardboard, newspaper and paper bag

Have fun and don't forget to send us your images at info@murneytower.com or tag us on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter at #MurneyTowerRocks.



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