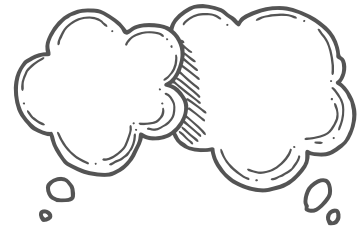


ON REFLECTION



Memorialising... George Bain

George Bain was an artist and educator from Caithness who played a significant role in the Celtic Revival Movement.

The collection of George Bain's drawing, designs and artefacts at Groam House Museum was awarded the status of a 'Recognised Collection of National Significance for Scotland' in 2013 – so let's celebrate the achievements of this significant artist!

In his time, he created memorials to remember people who mattered to him, but what would a memorial for George Bain look like?

1

EXPLORE

George was captivated by the intricate Pictish stones, like this one:

Explore more stones on the site for inspiration! What different shapes can you see?



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READ

Read the story of George Bain and John Cobb on this site to learn about another memorial that George created.

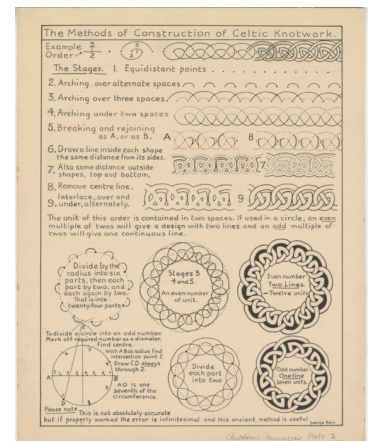
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TALK ABOUT IT

Unlike many artists, George's passion was for teaching others to create the designs that so inspired him. George made detailed drawings of the designs and created an instruction method to help others to recreate them through a series of simple steps.

One of the earliest dated examples of his instructional work shows how to create spirals. Explore this object on the site and think about these questions:

- How many examples of imperative verbs (orders) can you count?
- Do you think these instructions would help you to create spirals?
- What do you think you would find difficult?



4

TRY IT YOURSELF

It's not easy to give clear instructions! First, try to copy one of the spirals for yourself.

Next, create your own simple design on a sheet of paper using shapes, then give a partner some instructions for how to create it themselves.

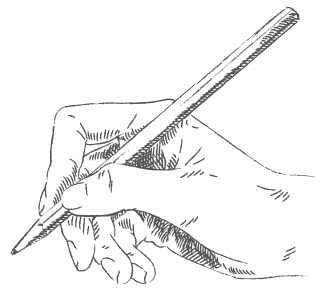
To make it more fun, don't show them your design until afterwards!



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CREATE A COMMEMORATION

Use this page to plan your ideas.



Who do you want to commemorate?

Why do you want to remember what happened to them?

What could your design look like? What shapes or pictures could you include?

What message could you write?

