

# Straw, Hay & Rushes Worksheet

## LEVEL D

*If you need help why not:*

1. Ask an attendant
2. Look at the labels to find out the answers

### TASK 1.

Look around. How many chairs and stools are made using Straw, Hay or Rush ? \_\_\_\_\_

### TASK 2.

What is the oldest object on display here? (Look carefully at the labels!)

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### TASK 3.

Can you name three other natural materials apart from straw, hay or rush that have been used in the construction of the objects on display?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### TASK 4.

Make your way under the stairs. You will find a chair made from straw. Why not take a seat. What is the name of the man that made this chair? Where does he come from?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

### TASK 5.

Now find your way over to the straw mattress. Why not take a rest. How was this straw mattress made? Do you think it was twisted with a súgán twister or plaited by hand?

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### TASK 6.

If you were to make something from straw what would you make? Would you like to make a drawing of it overleaf?

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draw your straw object here

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## LEVEL C

Make your way to Level C. There are a number of objects on display made from straw, hay & rush can you spot them?

If you need help why not:

1. Ask an attendant
2. Use the map
3. Look at the flip panels & labels to find out the answers

### TASK 1. Trades

Find the Trades section. Can you locate the craftsman who used straw to roof houses. What do you call this tradesman? Name one object made from straw on display?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### TASK 2. Cycle of Life

Make your way to the Cycle of Life section. On display in the Wake Traditions section are two objects made from straw. Can you name what they are? (One of the objects is near the statue of the old woman)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### TASK 3.

Find your way to where the wedding dress is (beside the Strawboy's costume). Can you see a chair underneath made from coiled straw. Why is this chair so small?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### TASK 4. Calendar Customs

Locate the Calendar Customs section. Can you name two items in the Bridget's Day section that are made out of straw ?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name two other materials that have also been used?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

Turn around, directly across is the Harvest section. Where is the Last Sheaf or 'Cailleach' on display from?

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## TASK 5. Hearth & Home

Make your way to the Hearth & Home section. There are a number of objects in this section made from types of straw, grass and heather. Can you name four of these objects?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

## TASK 6. Farming

Find the Farming & Fishing section. How many straw, hay or rush objects can you spot in the Farming section?

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What do you think they were used for?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## TASK 7. Fishing

In the River Fishing section there are some objects made from rushes. Can you name them?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

