

Craft and Traditional Skills Careers

As Scotland's historic buildings and places are a unique resource, taking care of them requires expert skills and knowledge. But these skills are often in short supply. Training to work in a craft or traditional skills role could offer you ample opportunities and a chance to work in a sector that is wide, vibrant and exciting.

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Examples of careers you might consider are:

Blacksmith:

Blacksmiths work with various metals, to shape practical and decorative objects. You could specialise in industrial work, or you could produce artistic or architectural metalwork such as decorative ironwork, gates, sculptures and furniture.

Average Salary: £28,080

Bricklayer:

Bricklayers build and repair walls, chimneys, tunnel linings and archways. You might also refurbish brickwork and masonry to restore old buildings, or do ornamental brickwork.

Average Salary: £28,500

Joiner:

Joiners install and repair the wood inside homes, shops, bars and film/tv sets. You could work in people's homes or on construction sites fitting out shops, bars and offices.

Average Salary: £27,500

Painter & Decorator:

In this role you would decorate and protect surfaces such as plaster, metal and wood to create pleasant spaces for people to live and work in. You could work on everything from redecorating living rooms to painting large structures like bridges.

Average Salary: £24,500

Plasterer:

Plasterers work in people's homes and other buildings to prepare the walls and ceilings for decorating and to protect the building from the weather. You could also be involved with creating ornamental plasterwork, such as ceiling roses and cornices.

Average Salary: £26,500

Roofer:

Roofers build and mend roofs, and can train in more specialist methods such as working with slate, leadwork and thatching.

Average Salary: £26,000

Stonemason:

As a stone mason you would use your skills to to carve blocks of stone, or lay and fit stonework into place on building projects. As the job is so varied, you would learn to work with many materials such as sandstone, limestone, slate, marble and granite.

Average Salary: £27,040