



# Discover Portencross Castle

## Scottish Castles Research

Learning outcomes: I will be able to identify different types of castles and specific features of their construction.



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There are many famous castles in Scotland some of which are ruined but others which can be visited and explored.

The most famous castle in Scotland is Edinburgh Castle which sits high on a volcanic rock. This castle in Scotland's capital city has been involved in many conflicts and battles but still stands strong overlooking the city of Edinburgh.

Linlithgow Palace, the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, was first recognised in 1301 when the English armies of King Edward captured it.

With a partner, or in groups of four, look at the list of castles shown here. Use the library or internet research to find out how the castles were constructed. Try to complete the table. The first one, Portencross Castle, has been completed for you as an example.

Caerlaverlock Castle has a unique design feature not found in any other Scottish castle. Do you know what that unique feature is?

CASTLE NAME	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AND SHAPE	TOWER HOUSE
Portencross Castle, Ayrshire	Wood and Stone. L shape design.	Yes
St Andrew's Castle, Fife		
Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh		
Bothwell Castle, South Lanarkshire		
Crookston Castle, Glasgow		
Caerlaverock Castle, Dumfries and Galloway		
Stirling Castle, Stirling		