

Lady Louisa's Print Room at Castletown House



Lady Louisa made a Print Room when she lived at Castletown. She bought prints of famous paintings from all over Europe and pasted them onto the walls of this room. She cut out frame shapes from special books and used them to decorate the prints. This room was then a small sitting room where she would drink tea with visitors.

Can you spot the secret door in the picture above? Louisa made this a secret door so that the prints would be symmetrical. A secret door is called a jib door and the servants would use this door to bring the tea to the ladies.

Louisa used pictures of things she liked. This is a print of David Garrick between Tragedy and Comedy. David Garrick was Louisa's favourite actor.



If you made a Print Room, what pictures would you put in? Draw something you'd put in your Print Room in this frame

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 R Y F L R L D X Y F E W L L Z
 Y I T Y L U Q D O T R W P E R
 Y H B W W T P S S W N A F I E
 P Q A B J L D I R L Y G M R D
 J P M V O N S Q R T T W O E R
 T C C A A N E R T A E H T Z O
 U F S L H X S Z B F J C I C B
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 A A V A N D Y C K I X Z G L W
 G S S E D V A X B R F J M L K
 G N I L Q N D D N O U C N A E
 O S B U Q L O U D M X G O G K
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 FRAME
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 COLLAGE
 GARLANDS
 RIBBONS
 THEATRE
 FAMILY
 JIBDOOR
 ROME
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Family Portraits: This print was put in the centre of the wall between the windows. It is called the 'Children of Charles I' and is a copy of a famous painting by an artist called VanDyke. Louisa's great-grandfather Charles II is in the picture. What family members would you put in a Print Room?