

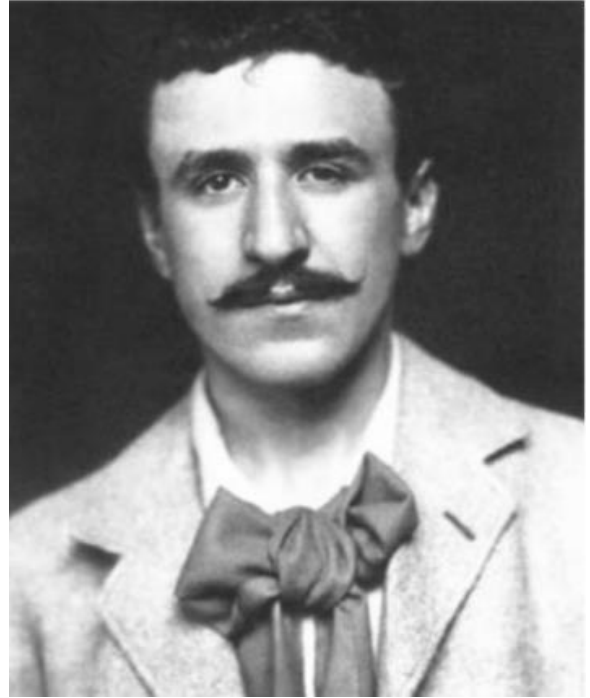


Victorian Furniture
1830-1901
19th Century

**Charles Rennie
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- Charles Rennie Mackintosh was born in Glasgow he was the fourth eldest of 11 children.
- His Father was William McIntosh, a superintendent and chief clerk of the City of Glasgow Police.
- From an early age Mackintosh expressed a desire to become an architect. In 1884 at the age of 16 he became apprenticed to the architectural firm of John Hutchison of Glasgow.



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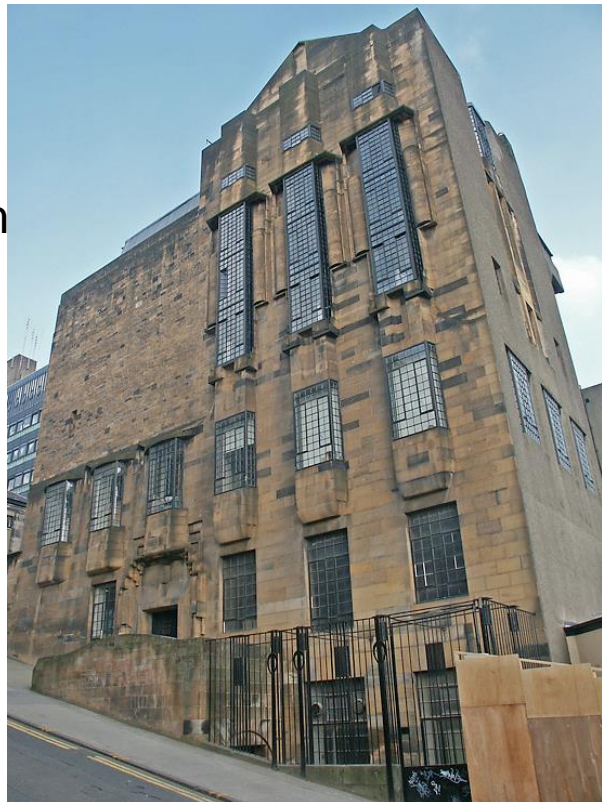
The Early Years

- At 16 he also enrolled for evening classes at the Glasgow School of Art.
- Upon completion of his apprenticeship in 1889 Mackintosh joined the newly established and prosperous firm of John Honeyman and John Keppie to work at first, as a draughtsman.
- During his time with this firm Mackintosh undertook many important commissions that gained him a reputation as being a very original architect.
- His most famous architectural accomplishment was undoubtedly his design of a new building for the Glasgow School of Art.

Glasgow School of Art



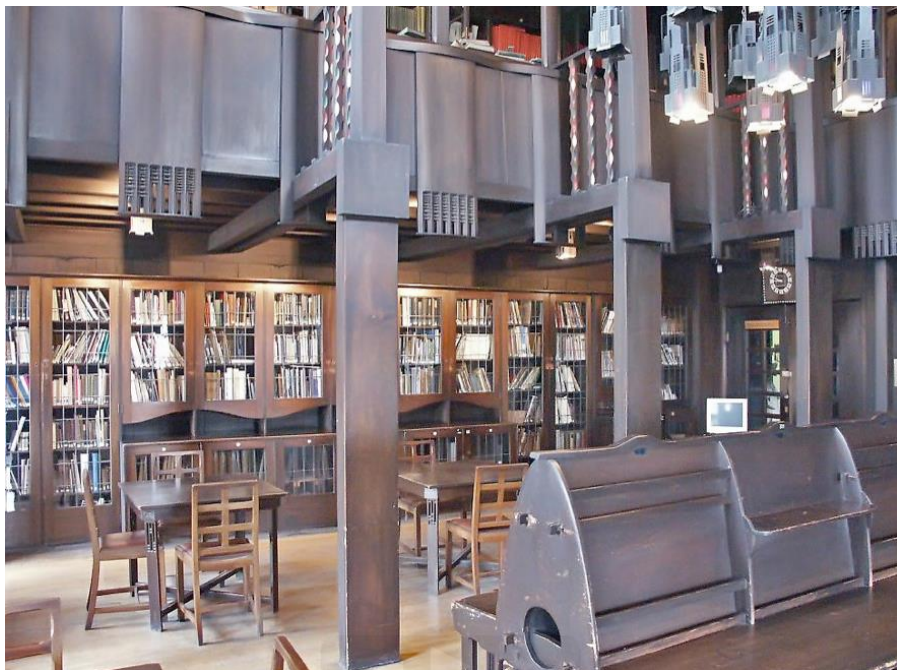
Above the Glasgow School of Art across the West Building. Images obtained from [Design online 1900](#)



Glasgow School of Art



View from the balcony in the Glasgow School of Art



The Library the Glasgow School of Art

Hill House

- In 1902 Mackintosh was asked to design The Hill House in Helensburgh for Glasgow publisher Walter Blackie.
- Mackintosh designed the interior fireplaces, furnishings and fittings.
- He designed complete rooms from the design of built-in wardrobes for the white bedroom to the detailing in a superb set of pewter fire tongs and poker.
- Walls in the house were generally white, some with delicate stencil designs in pale greens, pinks, and silver.
- Mackintosh was extremely fortunate to work throughout his career with clients such as Walter Blackie, who allowed him to have complete control over a project.

Hill House



Hill House Main Entrance



View of Hill House from the back

Hill House



Hill House Main Hallway

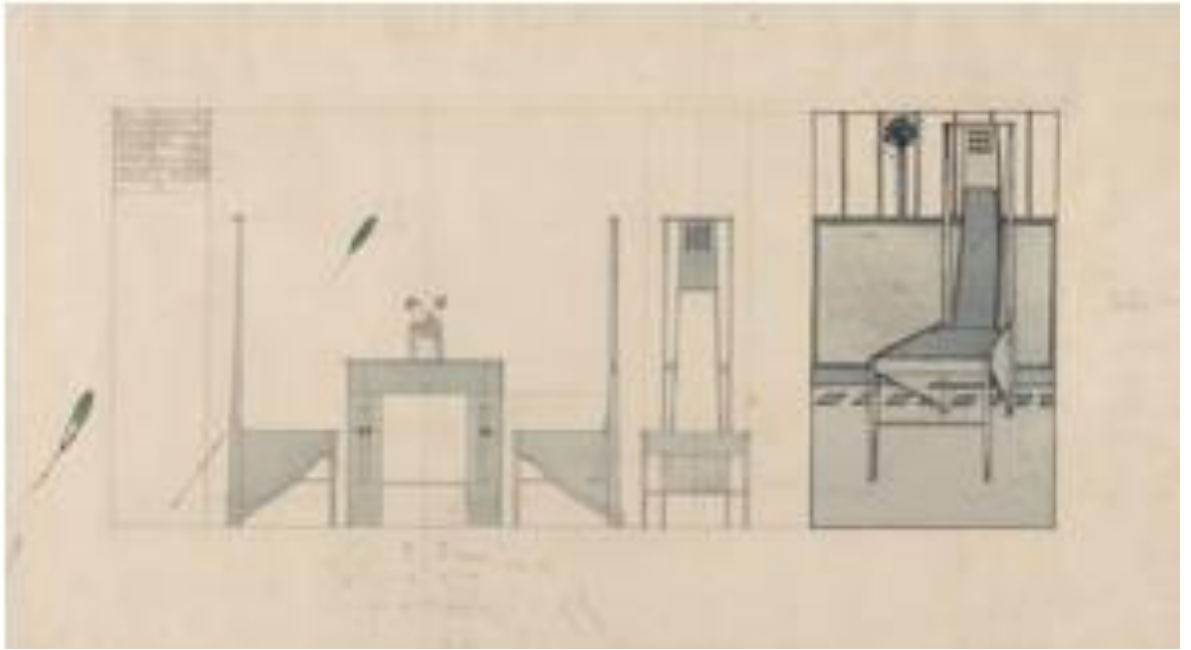


Bedroom in Hill House

Tea Rooms

- Catherine Cranston owned a chain of Glasgow tea rooms and she commissioned Mackintosh to design all of her many tea rooms.
- He was first employed by Miss Cranston in 1896 to decorate the walls of her tea rooms at Buchanan Street.
- 1898 he was given sole responsibility for the Argyle Street tea rooms. It was for this project that he first designed his now infamous high back chair.
- In 1900 he designed the ladies luncheon room and related rooms at the Ingram Street tea rooms, and in 1903 he designed from top to bottom, the Willow Tea Rooms at Sauchiehall Street.
- Mackintosh along with his wife Margaret designed everything from the furniture and menus, to the waitresses' uniforms at the Willow tea rooms. He designed from furniture to wall coverings, cutlery to light fittings.

Willow Tea Rooms



Mackintosh Drawings of the Tea Room



Photo of the Willow Tea Rooms.

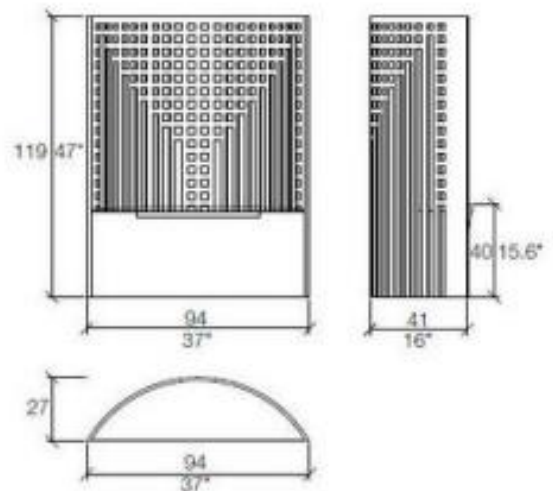
Willows Tea Rooms

Research from
Patrick Young 2014/15
The chair below has appeared
in two films “Inception” and
“Blade Runner”.
Inception is sci-fi type film and
Blade Runner is actually set in
the year 2019 this show that
this chair was very innovative
for its time.



Reception Willow Chair

High back chair Willow Tea rooms



Reception Willow Chair Drawings

Argyle Tea Rooms



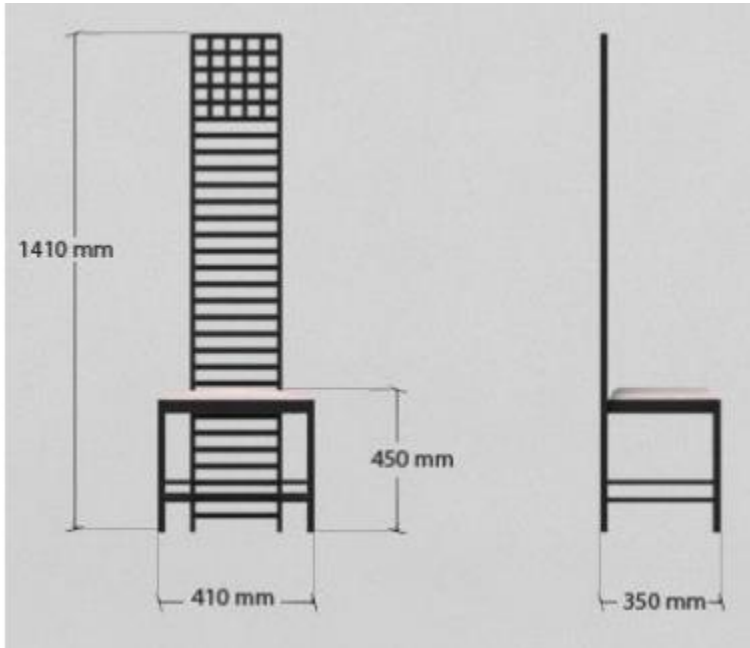
Argyle Tea Room Chair



Argyle Tea Room Chair



Mackintosh Hillhouse Chair



Drawing plans for HillHouse Chair



Hillhouse Chair

Mackintosh Chairs



Ingram Chair



Hillhouse Chair

- Furniture was based on straight lines and gentle curves using geometric shapes.
- His chairs have long straight backs.
- Furniture was often painted black or shades of white

The Four

- With Mackintosh's wife Margaret her sister Frances & her husband Herbert MacNair "The Four" as they became known established their own style which was not popular in Britain however it was hugely popular on the Continent, Austria & Germany.
- They designed from furniture to wall coverings, cutlery to light fittings.
- Mackintosh was one of the founders of the Modern Movement.

Mackintosh



Writing Desk



High Back Chairs