

# Creative Families @ Home



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## Castle Capers



### Medieval Castles

A medieval castle was the fortified home of an important person, such as a lord or king.

During this time, many castles were built in Europe and the Middle East. They ranged from simple wooden enclosures to vast stone palaces.

Take a look at the website below for lots of useful information about castles.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/guide-to-castles/>



### What you will need to make a cardboard castle

A rectangular shaped cardboard box

Cardboard rolls

Egg boxes

Cardboard pieces e.g. packaging

A dowel/stick/straw

String/wool

Pencil, ruler

Felt tips

Scissors

Glue

### How to make a cardboard castle

1. Using the template on page 2 as a guide, create your basic castle shape. Cut out the battlements using the measurements provided. These can be adapted based on the size of the box you are using.
2. Cut out a drawbridge, making sure to leave the bottom of the drawbridge attached to the base of your castle.
3. Make holes as instructed, at the top of your drawbridge and either side of your castle.
4. Place a piece of dowel/a stick/straw through the two holes in your castle. This will form a lever mechanism to open and close your drawbridge.
5. Tie one end of a 20cm piece of string/wool through the drawbridge hole, tie the other end around the dowel. When you turn the dowel, the drawbridge should move up and down.
6. Decorate your castle with felt tips, paints and by adding turrets, towers and a portcullis.

Please supervise children at all times with scissors and glue.

Create this castle shape from your cardboard box. When you have built this basic shape you can then start adding towers, a portcullis, walls and turrets.

Use this page to sketch your design ideas.

