

Build your own Cardboard Castle

A miniature cardboard castle is easy to make with bits and pieces found around the house. It can start off simple and then have towers and extensions added when you like. You'll need glue and sticky tape as well. You can colour the castle and its buildings like stone and wood, or in bright fantasy colours. After all, The Great Hall at Stirling Castle is a custard yellow colour! You could use stickers to put flowers, birds, knights, ladies, unicorns on the walls, like the tapestries that used to be hung in castle halls. Use your imagination!

Start with...

A cardboard box

Card tubes from toilet or kitchen rolls

Small card boxes

Next...

If your box has flaps you can just cut them off...

OR you can cut part of them off and fold down the remaining bits, to make a walkway on the inside of the castle.

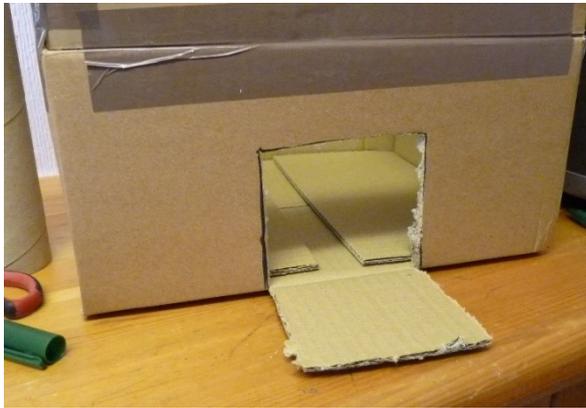
Then glue or tape the cut-offs in front of the walkway, to make the ramparts.



- 1) Draw your cutting line
- 2) Cut off the extra card
- 3) Tape/glue down the walkway
- 4) Tape on the extra card
- 5) Cut out the squares, to make the battlements

When you have a basic shape for your castle you can add lots of different features.

Cut out 3 sides of a rectangle in one wall but leave the 4th side as the hinge to a drawbridge.



Then you could cut out doors from extra card to put behind the drawbridge.

The card tubes can be used as towers, with spaces at the top or a pointed roof made from a cone of card.



Little boxes can be turned into buildings for inside the castle – stables, barracks for soldiers, a kitchen, houses for servants. Its up to you how big you make your castle – and you can keep adding to it over time!

If you've built a cardboard castle, share a photo with us by email, facebook, twitter or instagram!

