

How to make a Castle

Materials

- Large cardboard box
- Long cardboard roll
- 2 Newspapers
- Sheets of white copy paper
- 4 Medium paper cups
- Elmer's Glue All or similar
- Masking tape and scissors
- Pencil, Ruler, Black felt tip pen
- Acrylic or Poster paints
- Paint Brushes, Glue brush,
- Florist's stem wire
- 2 Small squares of cotton rag
- Piece of string (about 48 inches)
- Elmer's Glue All or similar.



This castle can be used for a storage box or with small modifications, changed into a working castle with an open arched door, a working portcullis, a walkway around the top inside rim, and small figures made from paper tubes.



1. The cardboard box is about 18 inches square, and the tube, from a fabric shop is long enough to make 4 round towers. Box corners were cut out, and each tower was taped in place.



2. Use enough tape, both outside and inside, so that the towers are strong and do not wobble about.



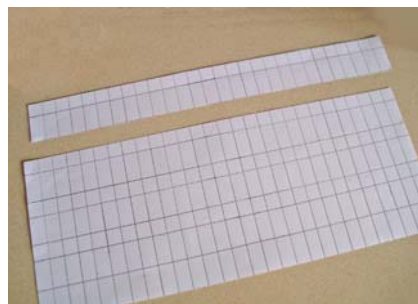
3. The box is then turned upside down and the base strengthened with lengths of masking tape. Notice that the bottom of the towers are level with the bottom of the box.



4. The open ends at the bottom of the towers, are taped over as shown, these could then be useful to put things inside.



5. The castle is covered with a layer of wide, glued strips of newspaper, inside and outside, and lengths of string fastened across the top, keep the sides straight until the glue is dry.



6. While the glue is drying, draw the pattern for the top of the walls. Paper is measured into half-inch squares at one edge as shown, and cut into 1.5 inch strips.



7. The patterned strips are glued along the tops of the walls as shown, then each alternate half inch square on the paper is coloured black to give the effect of a real castle.



8. Patterning also extends around the outside of the towers. It can also be repeated inside the walls. Next, cover any dark areas of newspaper with a coat of white paint.



9. When dry and any heavy printing is hidden, mix a sage green and a dark brown colour, add some white to both, then dip scraps of cotton cloth in the paint and dab the colours on the castle.



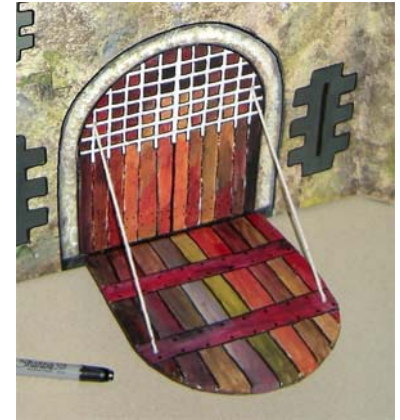
10. Place a paper cup in the top of each tower as far down as it will go, then trim off the surplus. Paint the inside of the cups black.



11. Paint the interior, glue portraits on the walls, and a carpet on the floor. Paint tiny window slits as shown. Draw and colour some banners on white paper then cut out and stick on the outer walls.



12. On white paper, draw and colour an arched wooden door with a portcullis halfway down. Cut out and glue in the middle of the wall. Next make a similar door without portcullis and glue inside.



13. Make two further drawings for a drawbridge, the same size and shape as the arched door, without a portcullis, but with two horizontal beams on each side.



14. Cut out both drawings and glue one on each side of a piece of card, that has been cut to the same size. Attach the bottom of the door with tape so that it lifts up and down.



15. Thread a length of knotted string through each side of the drawbridge. Thread through holes in the arch and tie together. Pull to raise the draw-bridge, and tuck into a slit at top of the wall.



16. Make four colourful flags (each flag needs a back and front), glue on to four small rolled paper tubes. Insert a tiny length of stem wire in each tube, and then fasten in the top of each tower.