

CARDBOARD TUBE CASTLE

You will need:

- toilet roll/kitchen roll tubes - as many different sizes and heights as possible
- coloured cardboard
- felt-tips
- glue stick
- green tissue paper
- white paper
- coloured pencils
- any other collage materials you wish to use
- scissors

How to make your Cardboard Tube Castle:

1. Collect together the tubes you are using to make your castle, then decide which type of castle you wish to build eg. ruined castle, fairy-tale castle etc.
2. Choose which colour suits your castle theme then paint all your tubes that colour - I chose grey for a more 'ruined castle' look.

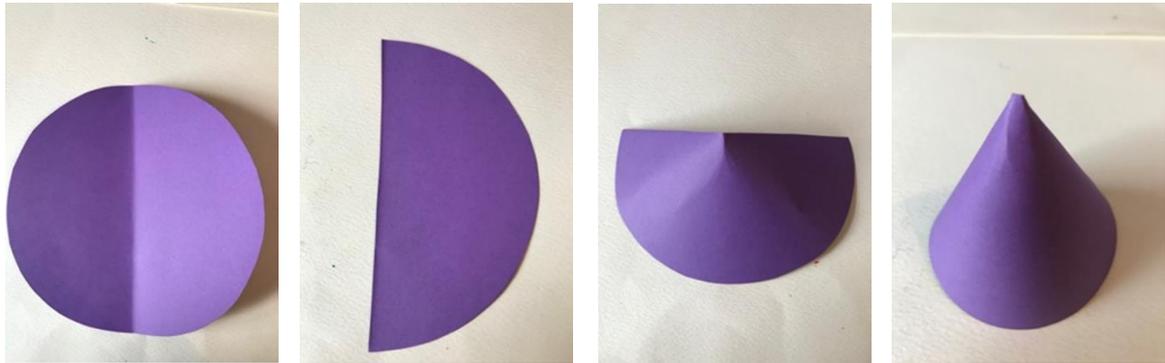


3. When the paint is dry, decide which type of windows/arrow slits etc your castle will have. Also, decide on what the entrance looks like, for example a portcullis entrance or a big heavy wooden door etc. Draw these features onto paper, colour them appropriately and cut out. Stick them onto the tubes - you must decide where each tube is positioned before you do this.

4. To create more of a 'ruined castle' look I drew the pattern of stones on the tubes, not all over but to give an impression of what castle walls look like. You may simply choose to leave the tubes plain or you may add other embellishments depending on your castle theme, for example sequins for a fairy-tale castle etc. This is completely up to you; let your imagination run wild! I added shredded green tissue paper to look like vegetation growing up the old castle walls.



5. Once you have decorated the tubes as you wish, you can stick them all together - I actually decided to stick the 3 entrance towers together but left the others loose so that you are able to change the shape of the castle each time you play with it - this even allows you to add some more parts of the castle as you wish. It would be particularly beneficial if playing with small knight/princess/dragon figures.
6. I decided to add a cone-shaped roof to some of the towers and simply have battlements for others, in order to give you ideas for how you could make your towers.
7. To make the coned roof simply cut out a cardboard circle - any colour you wish. I found that for an average toilet roll tube you would need a circle of approximately 15cm diameter. Then fold the circle in half and cut down the fold so you are left with 2 semicircles of card. Each of these semicircles will make one cone roof for your towers: simply fold the card in half along the straight edge, then continue to wrap the two points over one another to create your cone. Staple the two edges together to secure. Your cone can then be glued onto the top of the cardboard tube to create a roof.



8. If you simply want to have a battlement at the top of the tower, then snip round the top of a tube with some scissors and fold every other tab out and snip off(see photo) - this may be a job for a grown-up to do. Alternately, you could simply leave the top of the tube as it is - it's your castle and can look how you want it to.



Have fun making your very own castle!

