

HANDPRINT CASTLE

You will need:

- paints
- paint palette
- paint brush
- coloured/sparkly paper/card
- felt-tips
- coloured pencils
- white paper
- glue stick
- collage materials if you have them

How to make your Handprint Castle:

1. Mix the colour of paint you wish to use in your palette - this is a good opportunity to talk to your pre-schooler about colour mixing and for them to do a little experimentation. Be prepared for a bit of mess!



2. Let your pre-schooler place their outstretched hand in the paint, and make sure all fingers, thumb and palm are liberally covered in paint.
3. Then let them place their painted hand onto the white piece of paper – making sure they keep their fingers still – and press down hard.
4. You should now have a lovely handprint made by your pre-schooler. Let it dry completely.



5. You can add all the parts of the castle – portcullis gate, moat, tower ramparts, flags, window, arrow slits – using any combination of media. I cut out the portcullis gate and windows from card, but I drew on the flags and the bridge over the moat. To make it more interesting on one of the castles I even used torn pieces of tissue paper to create the moat. It is completely your own choice how you embellish your Handprint Castle. Be as creative as possible and have fun!

