

Create a Cardboard Castle



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RECREATION AT HOME

Complete with King, Queen & Knight

Make a **Cardboard Castle** out of toilet paper rolls and recycled cardboard from around the house. With this easy craft, kids (and parents) will enjoy building their very own castle to prepare for “battle”. Complete your castle with toilet paper knights, a Queen and a King! This craft is great if you have multiple children in the home who can each make a castle.

Time to Complete: About an hour

Materials: Cardboard, tape (either masking tape or clear), four toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls, a marker and a pair of scissors. Painting your castle is optional.

Age Group: Preschool & Kindergarten, Elementary School

Directions:

- For this castle, you will need to create four walls made of cardboard and use the toilet paper rolls as the pillars to hold the castle together.
- Start by cutting the walls a little shorter than the toilet paper rolls, to the size that you wish your castle to be.
- With scissors, cut little notches out along the top of the walls, evenly spaced.
- Take your paper rolls and make the same sort of notches across the top of each of the rolls.
- Choose which wall will have the entrance to the castle. Be sure to trace the outline of your door before you cut. Cut only along the area that the door will open, so you can move it back and forth to open and close.
- Next, cut a line almost to the end of each the rolls, so that the walls will slip into the rolls to build your walls.
- Cut another line about 2 inches from the first line along the roll for the adjacent walls to slip in.
- Next, slip the walls into the slits that you cut in the rolls, so that your walls will connect.
- For extra stability, tape the inside of the castle walls to the tubes to ensure it will stay together.
- For a more realistic looking castle, draw lines for bricks and mortar on the inside and outside walls.

Add the Knight with a King and a Queen

Time to Complete: Under 30 minutes

Materials: Construction paper, old pieces of fabric, string or yarn, glue or tape, three or more toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls cut in half, a marker and a pair of scissors.

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- Using three more rolls of toilet paper, create and decorate your castle’s staff.
- Take your paper rolls and draw smiling faces on your tubes. One for the King, one for the Queen and one for your Knight.
- Using construction paper or cloth create the clothing for your Royals.
- Cut out paper capes and robes and paste or tape them to your rolls to clothe your Royals.
- Using string or yarn, create hair for your characters.
- Add any other elements you want to your Royals – anything is possible!
- Place them in your castle and prepare for battle!

