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**a Castle Stronghold**

**Design and build your own cardboard medieval castle.**

Castles were introduced to Scotland about 900 years ago. They were used as places of power and protection where the lord and lady, their household and tenants could defend themselves from enemy attack.

Did you know...

Scottish castles come in different shapes and sizes. Their design depends on when they were built, their location, what materials and technology were available when they were made, and what they were going to be used for.

- **1100 - 1200** Motte-and-Bailey Castles
- **1200 - 1350** Curtain-walled Castles
- **1300 - 1650** Tower-house Castles
- **1650 onwards** Castles gave way to stately homes

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Making your castle...
We used a cereal box to start building our castle and copied the template on the next page to get the outline. Next, we crafted some defensive features to protect our castle. If you want some inspiration we’ve included a few ideas below.

Test your defences
Take a look at our video ‘how-to-build a catapult’, and make a siege weapon that will put your castle’s defences to the test.
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Portcullis
A strong grating that could be lowered to protect the entrance.

Gunloop
A hole for poking guns or cannons through.

Drawbridge
A bridge that could go up and down to let people in or keep them out.

Arrow Slit
A narrow window for shooting arrows out of.

Merlons
Taller bits of wall for defenders to hide behind.
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