

# SUMMER CAMPS

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## Cardboard Medieval Castles

**Description:** This week, we will be exploring ancient cultures from around the world! In this activity, we will be building a medieval castle using cardboard recycling.

**Recommended Ages:** Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup>

### Materials:

- 4 paper towel or toilet paper tubes
- 2 cardboard rectangles
- 2 cardboard squares (the same height as your two rectangles)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Gray paint or construction paper
- Black marker
- Optional: Ruler, hot glue gun

### Procedure:

1. Research medieval castles with your camper. Look at some different designs before you start constructing your own castle for inspiration.
2. Using your scissors, trim your cardboard pieces to the heights and length that you would like your castle walls to be.
3. Your paper tubes will become the castle's towers. Wrap them in gray paper and secure with tape/glue. Alternatively, you can paint them with gray paint and let them dry.
4. On each of the tubes, cut out small rectangles from one end. This will make the spiked towers we see in many castle designs.
5. Cover or paint the walls of your castle.
6. Now, you will create the "bricks" on the side of the castle. In medieval times, stone was used to construct castles. Using your ruler if you have one, make long horizontal lines on your walls and towers. Then, add vertical lines in between the horizontal lines. Stagger the placement of the vertical lines to make them rectangular "bricks".
7. Begin fixing your walls to the towers. Although using a hot glue gun (with an adult's assistance) is the most durable method, you can also use tape to fix the towers to your walls.

**Keep Exploring:** Research heraldry with your camper, then make your own castle banner's out of construction paper to add to your castle creation!