

Sand Sculptures



Bermuda's pink sand



When you're on the beach in Bermuda, you'll love building sand sculptures. Remember, the best castles are made from sand that's moist but not too wet, so find a good spot near the water—but not too close—and get started.

As you build, imagine that you are a king or queen trying to protect yourself from enemies who will soon be invading on foot and on horseback.

Here's how Europeans built real castles about 1,000 years ago.

The moat was a deep ditch around the base of the castle.

Use your hands to carve a moat around your castle. Try filling it with water.

Drawbridges and wooden ramps could be lifted or removed.

Use pieces of wood or anything flat to make them.

makes super castles!



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The curtain

was a stone wall surrounding a castle.

Make a thick wall, or curtain, all around your castle. Use your hands to pack the wet sand and a wooden stick (included in your activity kit) to smooth it.

Crenels and merlons

looked like teeth on top of the wall. The gaps were called crenels (KREN-els) and the "teeth" were called merlons (MER-lens). People could shoot arrows through crenels and then duck behind merlons.

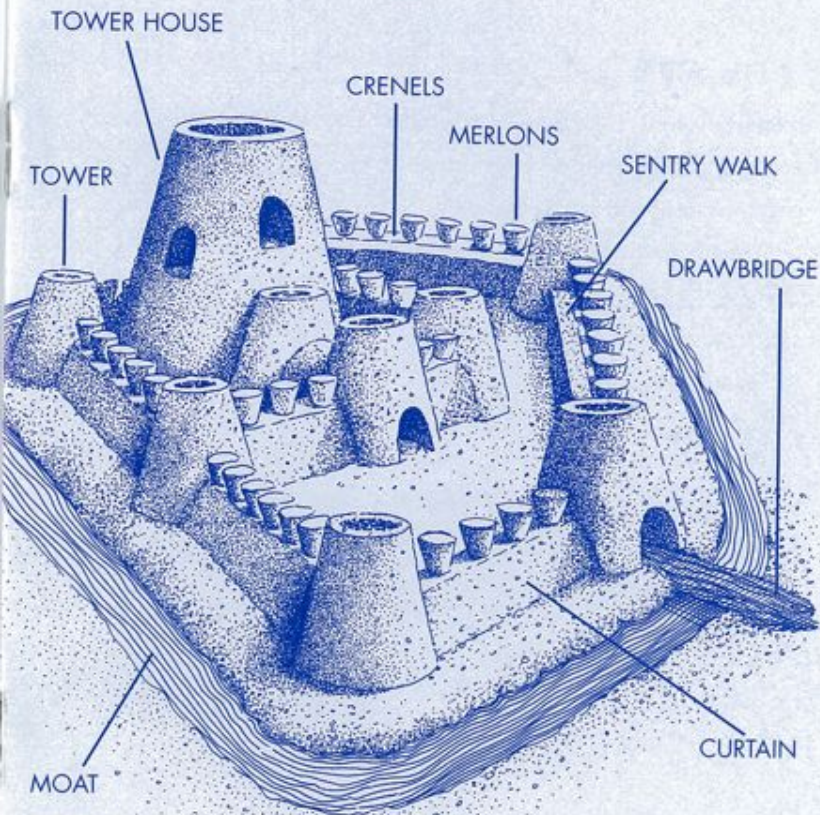
Use a cup or your hands to make crenels and merlons.

The sentry walk

was a walkway along the top of the curtain. People on patrol walked on it.

Use your hands or a wooden stick to make a sentry walk on your curtain.

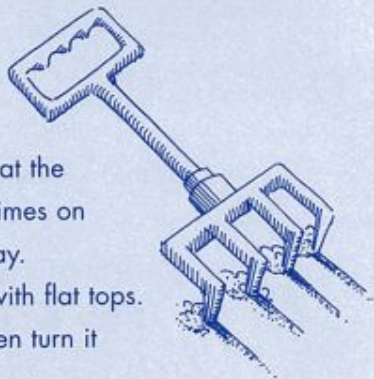




Towers were built at intervals along the stone wall, at the corners of the wall, and sometimes on either side of the castle gateway.

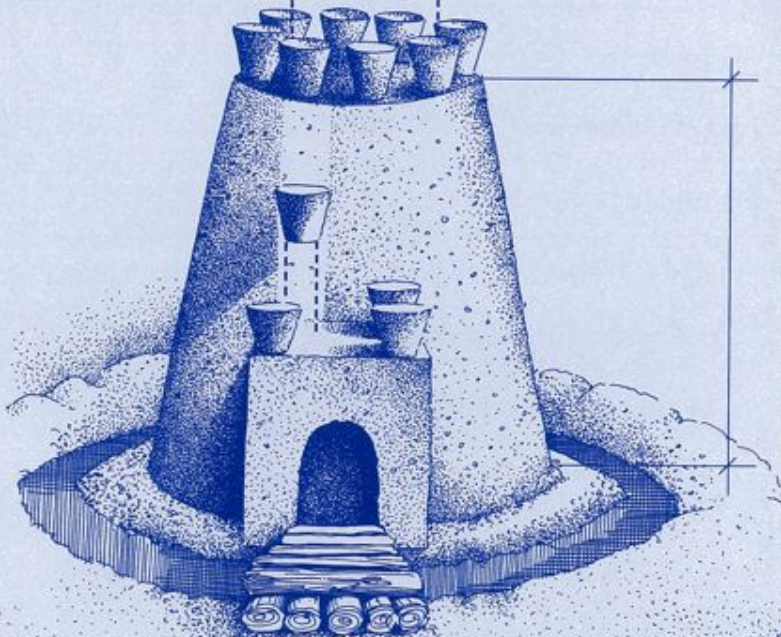
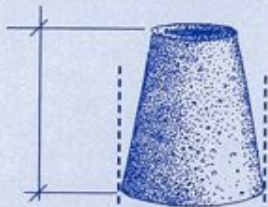
Use a cup to make towers with flat tops. Pack wet sand into the cup, then turn it upside down. Squeeze the cup to loosen it from the sand.

Use your hands to make peaks. Scoop up a handful of very wet sand and let it dribble between your fingers.



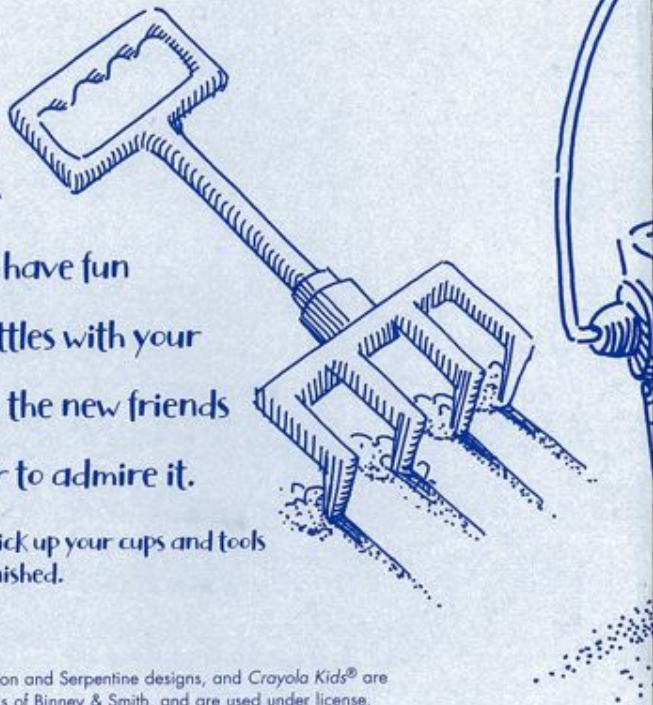
The tower house was a rounded structure that stood alone or was built into the wall. If the structure was square or rectangular, it was called a keep. The king and his people lived in the tower house or keep.

Use a sand pail or your hands and a stick to make a tower house.



When
your castle
is finished, have fun
staging battles with your
family and the new friends
who gather to admire it.

Remember to pick up your cups and tools
when you're finished.



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