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Create a Magical Castle

ART LESSON FOR KIDS



Mixed Media Castles



The mixed media castle project helps improve basic shape drawing skills, allows kids to experiment with a variety of materials, and develops creative thinking. Students can use their imagination for the color and castle shape. Older students might want to add figures or animals in the background. I highly recommend that you let your artist(s) lead with anything they would like to add.

Fun tip: When you are done, have your artist tell you a story about the art piece. It's a great way to bring literacy and creative story-telling into the art project.

As always please tag me on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) @kelliwassomart so I can see what you made!

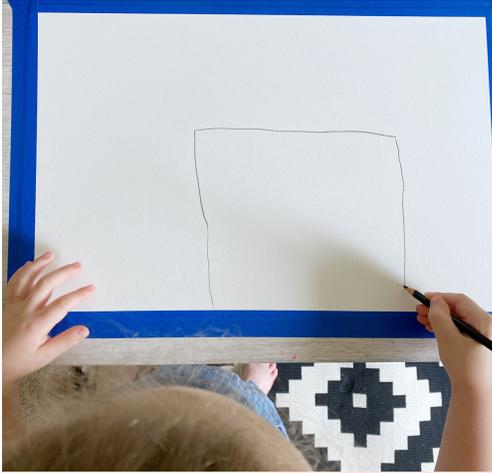
Supplies

Below is a list of basic supplies that you will need for this project. This project can be completed with a variety of materials. I have included substitute supply options in parentheses.

- **Thick paper- watercolor paper (Card stock can be used)**
- **Watercolor Paints**
- **Paint brushes**
- **Pencil**
- **Oil Pastels (crayons)**
- **Water**
- **Cup for water**
- **Paper towels**
- **Tarp or plastic to protect surface your child is painting on**
- **Tape**
- **Cut sponge in small rectangles**
- **Paper plate for acrylic paint**
- **One color of acrylic paint for castle bricks**



Step-by-step



1.

Tape down the piece of paper. The paper should be placed with a horizontal layout. Draw a square that rests on the bottom of the page for the front of the castle.



2.

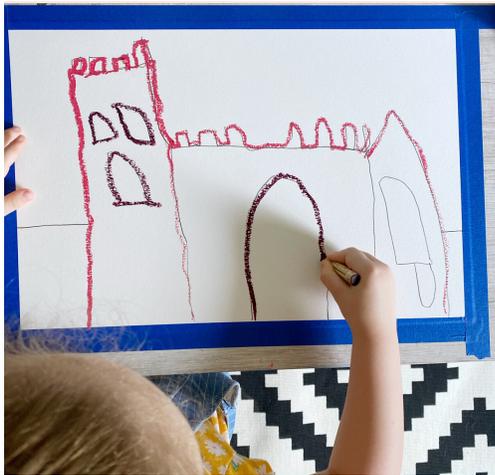
Next, draw the towers on each side of the castle. Try adding variety and draw two different towers. Some towers have a pointed roof and others have a flat top with a tooth shaped border. This can be achieved by drawing individual squares or practice creating a tooth shaped line at the top on the tower.



3.

Now it is time to draw the windows and large castle door or draw bridge. The draw bridge/ door can be drawn as an upside-down U-shape. The windows can be drawn in a similar way with a horizontal line connecting them. *Here is where extra creativity can be added. Maybe your artist would like square windows, drapes in the windows, or circle windows. Let them lead the way!*

Step-by-step continued...



4.

Now, add the tooth shaped border on the top of the center portion of the castle and a horizon line that goes behind the castle. (This line separates the sky and ground) Then grab some oil pastels or crayons (any color) and outline the drawing. This is great fine motor practice! Make sure not to color in the shapes.



5.

Grab a white oil pastel (or crayon) and practice making scribbles that form fluffy white clouds in the sky. The clouds can be fully colored in and can be any shape.



6.

Now it is time to paint! Grab the watercolors and a medium size brush. Dip the brush in water and then choose a color for the sky. *If your artist wants to use more than one color have them choose (blue & purple or red&yellow). This will make a pretty sky and the colors won't mix a brown.* Enjoy seeing the beautiful reaction between oil pastels and watercolors!

Step-by-step continued...



7.

Make sure to clean the brush in the water before switching colors. This will keep the watercolor paints clean. Now, it is time to paint the grass, windows, and door.

Note: Artists can add yellow to the grass first, rinse their brush, and then add green and watch the yellow and green mix.



8.

Choose a final color to paint the remaining part of the castle. You will need to pause and let it dry for a moment. If you want to speed up drying time, grab a hair dryer and blow dry the painting.



9.

The final touch! Dip the long side of the pre-cut sponge pieces into a little acrylic paint. I recommend dabbing it at least once on the paper plate to get extra paint off the sponge. Then use the sponge to create a brick pattern across the surface of the castle. You can use the short side of the sponge to get around windows or in smaller areas.

Step-by-step continued...



9. CONTINUED

You will need to repeat this step multiple times until the bricks are done. *Encourage your artist to create lines that alternate like a natural brick pattern.*

Note: Tell your artist to keep their elbow up so they do not lay their arm on the paper and smear their beautiful work.



11.

Congrats! The piece is now finished and the tape can be taken off the edges. All that is left is signing the piece and showing it off!

I always encourage my students to sign their work. It helps them take ownership and have confidence in their work.



12.

Photograph and share your little artist(s) work! Scroll to the next page to find different ways you can share what your artist created.

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Share your work with me!



INSTAGRAM

Post a photo on your [Instagram](#) stories of the art you created with your children/student and tag me @kelliwassomart
I'll make sure to reshare it!



FACEBOOK

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WEBSITE

I would love to see the art that you create with your children/students. You can email me at kelliwassomart@gmail.com or post on my last blog post [here](#).