You should look at images of castles to get an idea of their size and shape. Historically, there are many different types of castles.

In Motte and Bailey castles, the strongest section (the keep) is built high up on a motte, a tall mound of earth. The bailey is a round courtyard that surrounds and protects the motte. Some of the most famous Motte and Bailey castles in Wales and England are Twthill, St. Clears, and Wiston.

Instructions

Materials:
- Piece of cardboard or thin wood, cut 3 feet square, for the base
- White glue
- Twine
- Clear tape
- Scissors
- Tongue depressors or clean Popsicle sticks
- Two or three empty, clean quart-size (tall) milk containers
- Cardboard pieces, about 6 to 8 inches wide
- Fish-tank pebbles, or small (half-inch) pebbles, collected and cleaned
- Green clay or Play-Doh
- Green water-based paint or nontoxic washable markers
- Paintbrushes
- Optional: water-based paint, clay, and/or markers in other colors; small plastic animals or figures

Directions:
To make a model of a Motte and Bailey castle, your teacher will need to draw a 2-foot circle on a wooden or cardboard base. The circle contains the bailey, or courtyard, that surrounds the castle.

- To build the bailey wall: Cut Popsicle sticks in half crosswise and attach them side by side with glue or twine to make the wall that surrounds the bailey.
- To build the motte: On the edge of the bailey, pile up green clay or Play-Doh to make a tapered mound that is 8 inches wide at the base and 6 inches tall.
- To build the keep: Cut a 5-inch section out of an empty quart-size milk container. Place the milk container section at the top of the motte.
- To build the motte staircase: You can use shorter lengths of Popsicle sticks or pebbles: stick them crosswise in staircase fashion on the motte, leading up toward the keep.

The basic model of the Motte and Bailey castle is complete.
Additional details (optional):
- Inside the bailey, construct a village by adding two or three cottages made of milk container sections.
- Create a small pasture by adding a low cardboard separator or partition and small plastic farm animals.
- Paint the keep brown and add stripes for the wood exterior.
- Add a roof to the keep using cardboard.
- Paint the bailey green.
- Construct tall doors or a large entryway to the bailey, using cardboard.

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