# Paper Knight's Templar Castle



Based on the actual Knight's Templar castle in Ponferrada Spain.

Complete pdf download includes:
All the parts
Complete assembly procedure
Knight's Templar code of Honor

## About Ponferrada Castle



There is a pilgrimage route across northern Spain called "The Way of Saint James". Pilgrims have been walking this route for 1400 years. And Ponferrada castle is right on this route. It was a stronghold for Knight's Templar who protected pilgrims on their pilgrimage.

The picture here is of me on the pilgrimage, and at the castle. I spent a full day there, just exploring the castle.

It was commissioned in 1178 and it has changed ownership many times over the past nine hundred years. Most notably it was a base for the Templars, but only for about twenty years until they were disbanded in 1312.

Today it is a beautiful living museum that, along with it's structural might, also hosts a series of events and festivals throughout the year. It is a wonderful cultural center in Spain and it is the home for a quite remarkable library of medieval books and manuscripts.



If you want to learn more about the castle and see more pictures visit my website here: <a href="https://www.stormthecastle.com/travel/spain/the-knights-templar-castle-in-ponferrada-spain.htm">www.stormthecastle.com/travel/spain/the-knights-templar-castle-in-ponferrada-spain.htm</a>

# **About this paper project**

This is a close replica of the actual castle; as it is in it's current state. It isn't an exact replica however. I have changed it a little bit just to make it more attractive as a paper project. Some of the building structures are a little bit larger than the actual buildings. But the overall structure and footprint are identical to the actual castle. I used google mapping to get the footprint and a wide variety of pictures that I took at the castle to get the structural elements.

# Whats included in this package:

Introductory materials: Pages 1 -4 Templar Code of Honor: Page 5 Assembly procedure: Pages 6 - 17

All the parts to print up: Pages 18 - 21

# **Recommended tools and supplies to build this paper castle:**

Paper: This project is designed to be printed out on your home printer. But, you should use something thicker than normal printer paper. 90# or 110# card stock is perfect for this. You can put it right in your printer and print the project directly onto it just like regular printer paper. All the pictures in this procedure show me having made the castle on 90# card stock.

If you are not familiar with card stock it is a readily available product. It is at all Walmart's right alongside the regular printer paper. You can also order exactly what I bought on amazon right here: <a href="https://amzn.to/3Z4mYeh">https://amzn.to/3Z4mYeh</a>



To make this project you just need some simple tools; scissors, a ruler and some glue. And the glue can be any kind that works with paper. You can even just use a glue stick.



Some optional tools would be precision scissors, a bone folder and a glue like Bearly Art precision glue. This glue has several precision tips and it is my favorite craft glue.

## How to save printer ink

There is no need to print up this entire packet. You can just print up the four pages of parts: (x - x). Just use your digital device to work your way through the assembly process.

# **Inspect after printing**

Look over the pages to see if anything looks out of the ordinary. Are all the parts well colored?

# The Knight's Code of Chivalry

You want to know what I do? My heart knows only virtue. My might upholds the weak. My words speak only the truth. And I am sworn to valor. if you want to be a knight of honor this is your oath:

#### Rule 1 -A knight has courage

Battle is the test of a knight

Have the courage to undertake the difficult and tedious duties

Prepare to sacrifice all in exchange for wisdom

Justice must be tempered with mercy or the pure truth can bring grief

You must not coward, but nobly dare

A true knight keeps his bravery even in the midst of danger

May the lightning of your glory be seen, and the thunders of your onset heard from east to west

#### Rule 2 - A knight has mercy

One can make mistakes but those who are good yield when they know their course is wrong, and seek to rid of all evil

#### Rule 3 -A knight has generosity

Uphold all that you can, do all good that you can.

Be generous with wisdom and energy, and command only through earned respect

A knight who shows the virtue of generosity is the master of his world.

#### Rule 4 - A knight has faith

A knight haven given their word, seeks to fulfill it at all costs.

Faith is to believe what you do not see, and its reward is to see what you believe.

Put on your armor and rise

You are now a knight who bears the sword of the spirit and the shield of preservation.

#### Rule 5 -A knight has hope

What defines us is how we rise after falling

Stand firm, and you will be the one to uphold the code in this unjust world.

To be a knight of honor is to be a glimpse of hope in a world where hope can be forgotten

#### Rule 6 -A knight has nobility

Uphold your convictions at all times, especially when no one is watching.

Live by honor and protect the innocent and defenseless.

A true warrior fights for those who cannot fight for themselves.

#### Rule 7 - A knight has justice

Let evil swiftly befall to those who have wrongly condemned us

We will be the ones rendering everyone his due

Answer the calling for honor

Abstain from all unfairness and deceit, and at all times speak the truth.

Now you must take your place

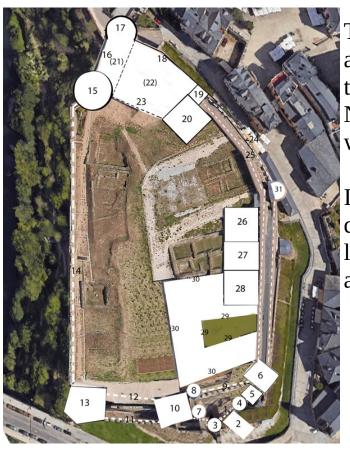
You have the will, the strength, to be the guardian of the ways of honor and courage.

Fulfill your upmost duty and you will make history, forever set in stone, like all great myths of old.

Within the code, you will be reborn into the warrior within.



# Let's put it together

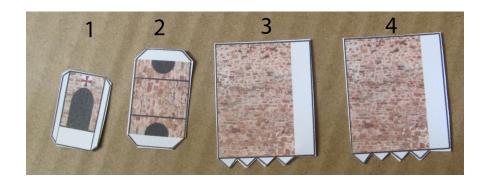


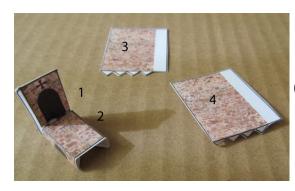
The assembly is straight-forward and easy. You just apply parts to the base page -starting at Number 1 and working your way all the way through part 38.

In this thumbnail image it's a bit difficult to see the part 1 location. It is right between 3 and 4.

I recommend you cut out the pieces as you progress through the building of the castle. If you cut them all out ahead of time you might get confused as to which piece is which!

Let's start with parts 1 thru 4





Glue together parts 1 and 2.



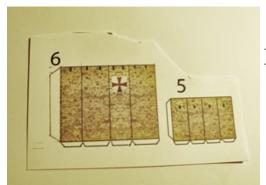
And roll parts 3 and 4 around a pencil like so each forms a cylinder. The color of the pieces help you know what size to roll it. You make the white part of each piece disappear.



Tuck in the triangular parts then glue those tubes to 1 and 2 like this.



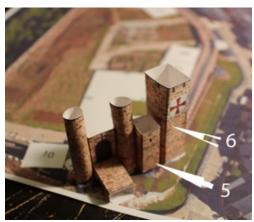
Glue that assembly down to the base like this.



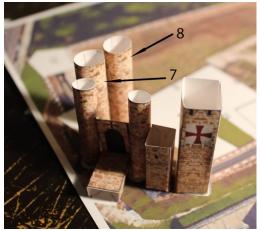
Next cut out parts 5 and 6.



Fold and glue them into shape.

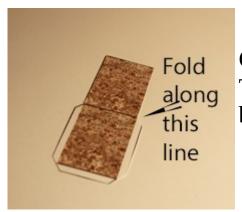


And glue them into place.



Cut out, roll and glue the two towers parts 7 and 8.

There are several pieces in this project that I call "fold-over" pieces. This means that you cut them out and fold them over before applying them to the castle base. The fold-over means they end up with texture and color on both sides. The next part (9) is one of those parts. Let's do it.

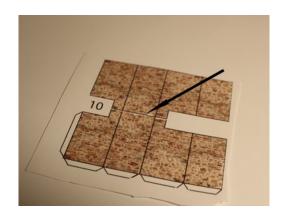


Cut out part 9 and fold it along the mid line. This ends up giving us brick wall color on both sides.



Glue it into place. This wall part has nice brick coloring on both sides.

Psart 10 is also a fold-over piece. Cut it out and fold it over along the line here. Then fold and glue it into shape.





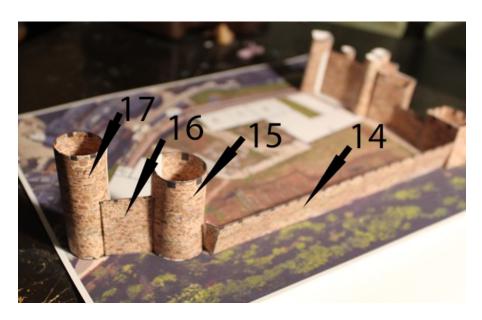


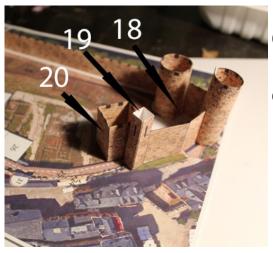
Glue it onto the base.



Repeat this process with 11, 12, and 13. They are all fold-over pieces.

Just follow the numbers and continue the process. 14, 15, 16 and 17 are all fold-over pieces. Depending on how your round towers turn out you can trim parts 14 and 16 so they fit nicely.

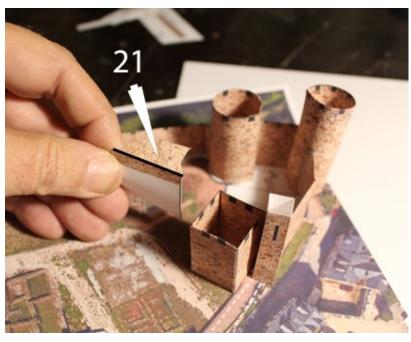




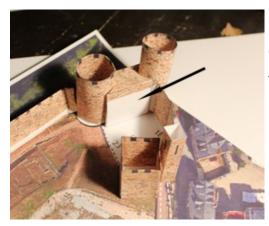
Continue with the process and do 18, 19, and 20. 18 and 20 are both foldover pieces.



Next we are going to place two pieces into this interior area (21 and 22). This is a little bit different than what we have done so far. After we place these pieces we will close off the area with wall part 23.



Next we glue part 21 into place. This piece is a little bit tricky. It has one fold in it so it forms a 90 degree angle. But you don't fold it along the edge between the white and the stone pattern. It is folded on a dashed line.



Glue it into place between the two towers like this.



Cut out and fold part 22 like this. The white flaps will hold the piece up to the correct height.



Slide it into the area and glue it into place.

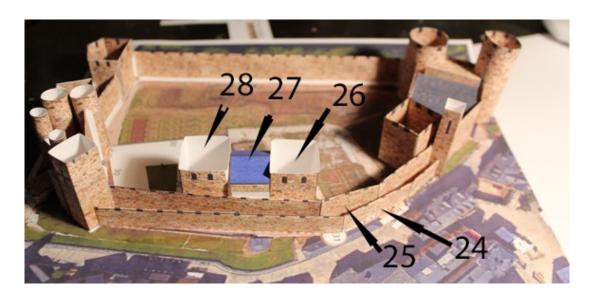
Just like this. It looks great. Now we can close off that area with a wall piece (23).

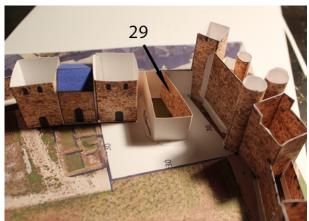




You are getting pretty good at this! We are rolling right along. Now cut and place 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

24 and 25 are fold-over pieces so they show wall on both sides.

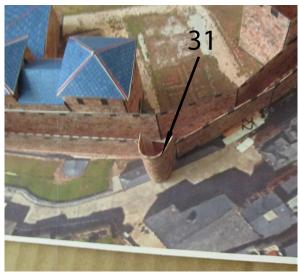




Cut and place part 29 like you see here. Note that the colored brick pattern is all on the inside! This seems counter intuitive. But it is correct.

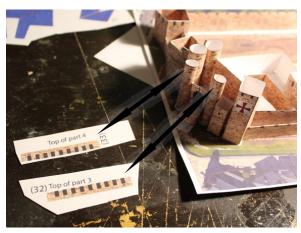


Cut, fold and place part 30 just like you see here. And notice that unlike part 29 now the textured brick is facing outward.



Congratulations! The bulk of your castle is built. Now we will just add some detail pieces which includes some blue roofs.

There are seven of these detail pieces.



Cut out parts 32 and 33 and glue wrap them around the tops of towers 3 and 4.







Next cut out parts 34 and 35.

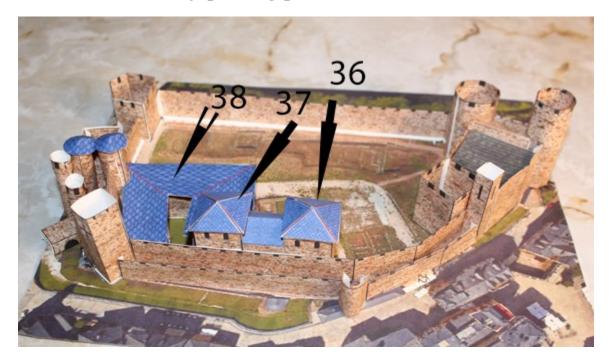
And glue each one so it forms a cone like you see in the next picture.



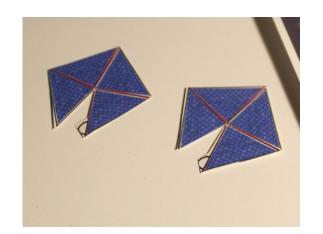


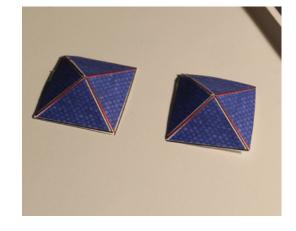
And glue them to the tops of towers at 7 and 8.

And finish the castle by placing parts 36, 37 and 38.



Parts 36 and 37 are cut and glue to form nice little pyramid shapes.







Part 38 has no folds or creases. It lays flat and is glued down.

And that's it! You are an official castle builder! Congratulations. But wait! I have a small bonus for you...

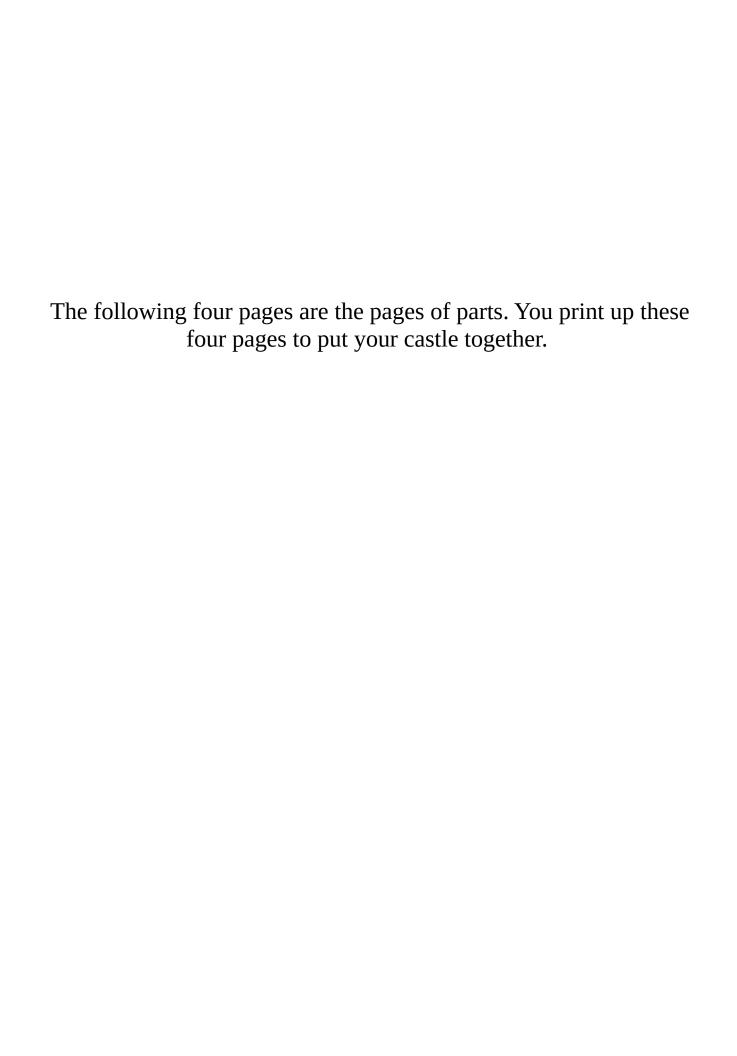


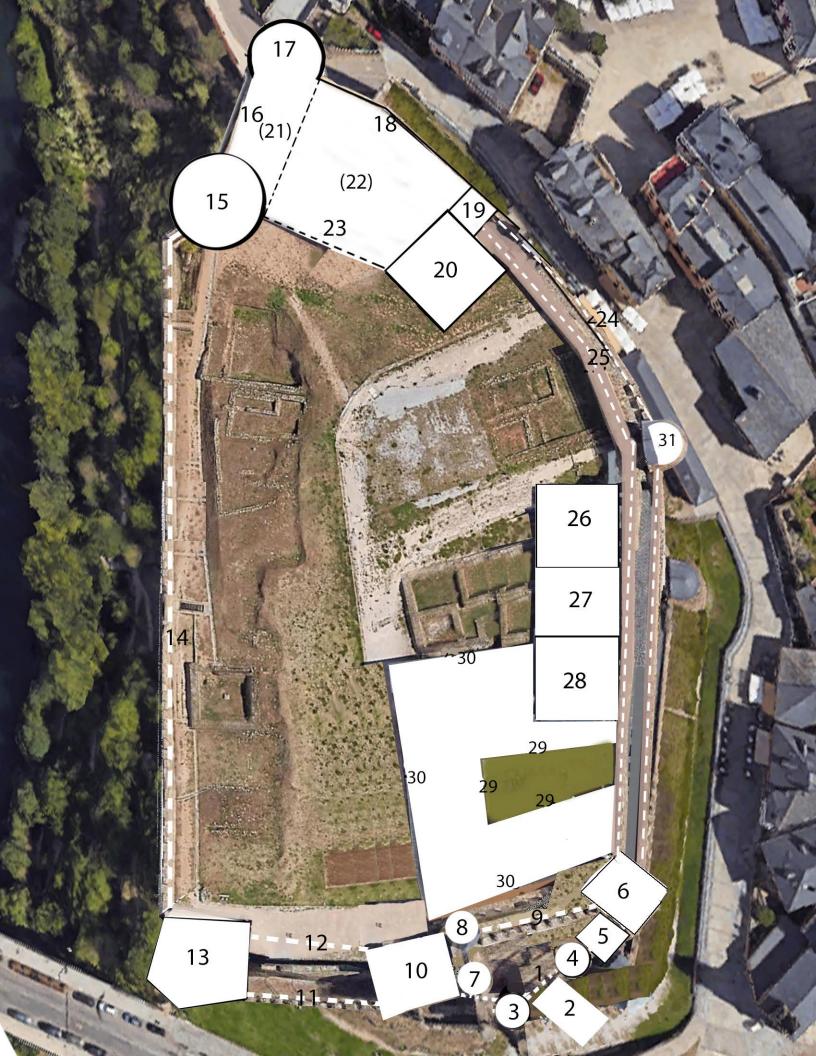
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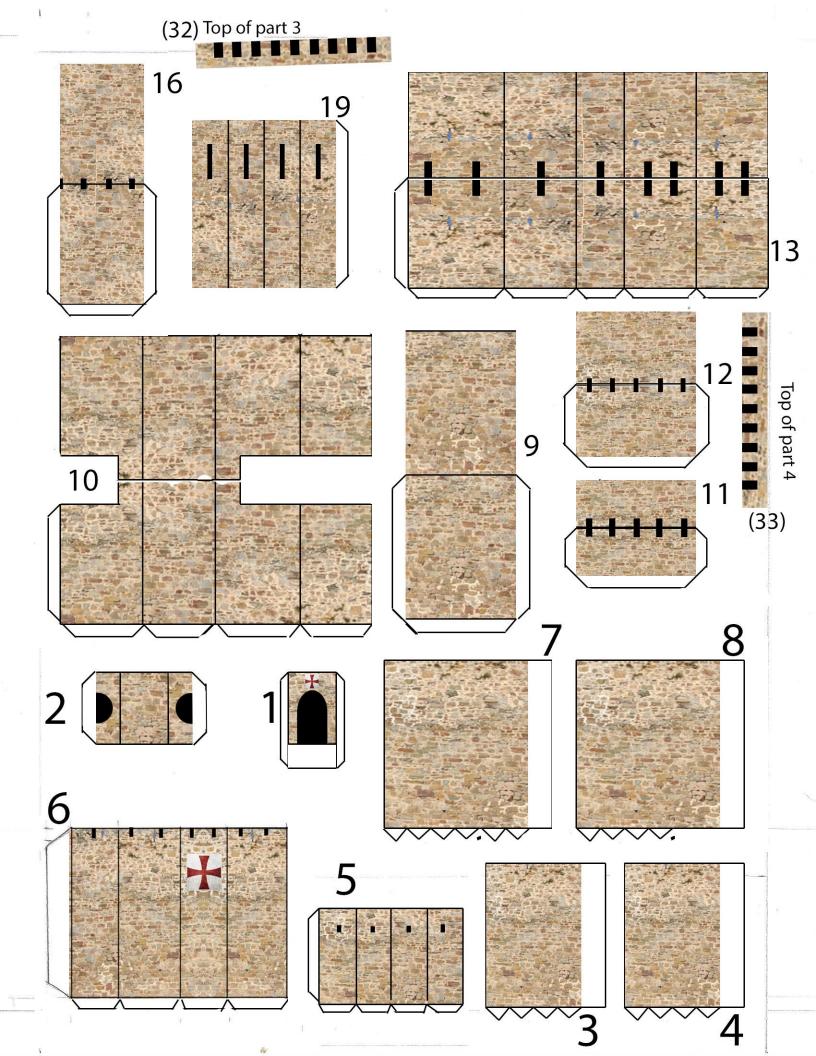


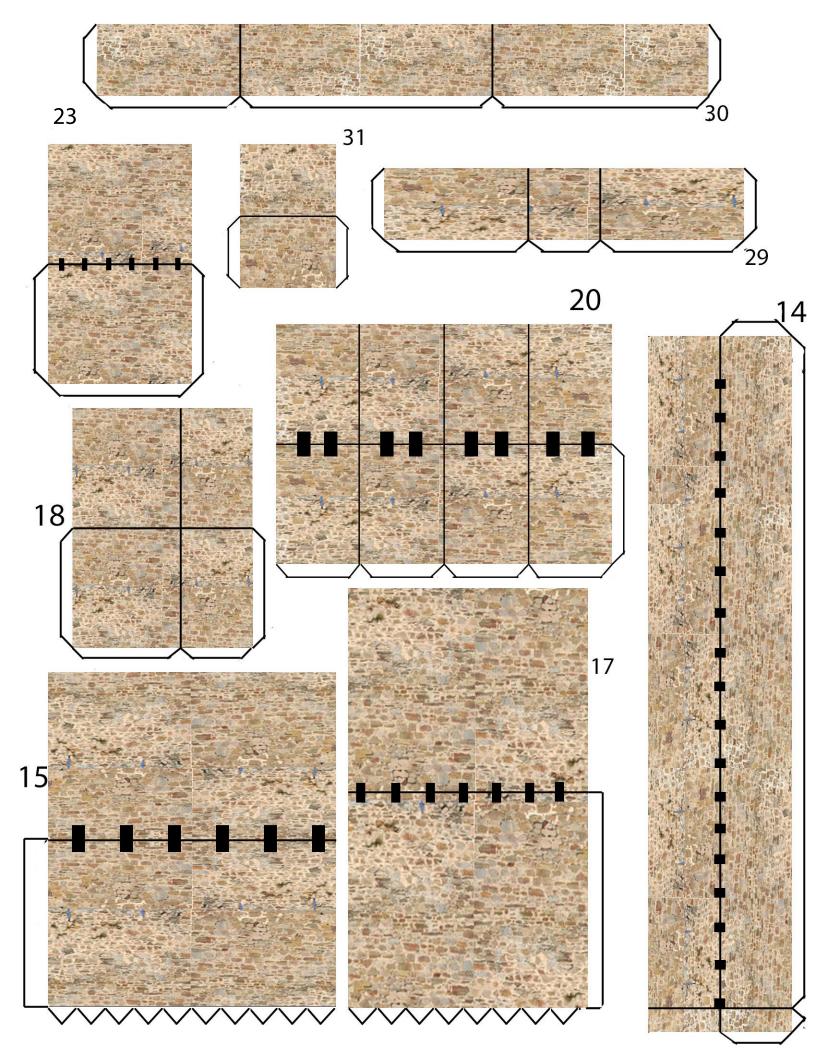
While I explored the grounds of this beautiful castle I found this actual catapult. I don't know how old it is but I have a hunch it is a couple of hundred years old and saw some active duty!

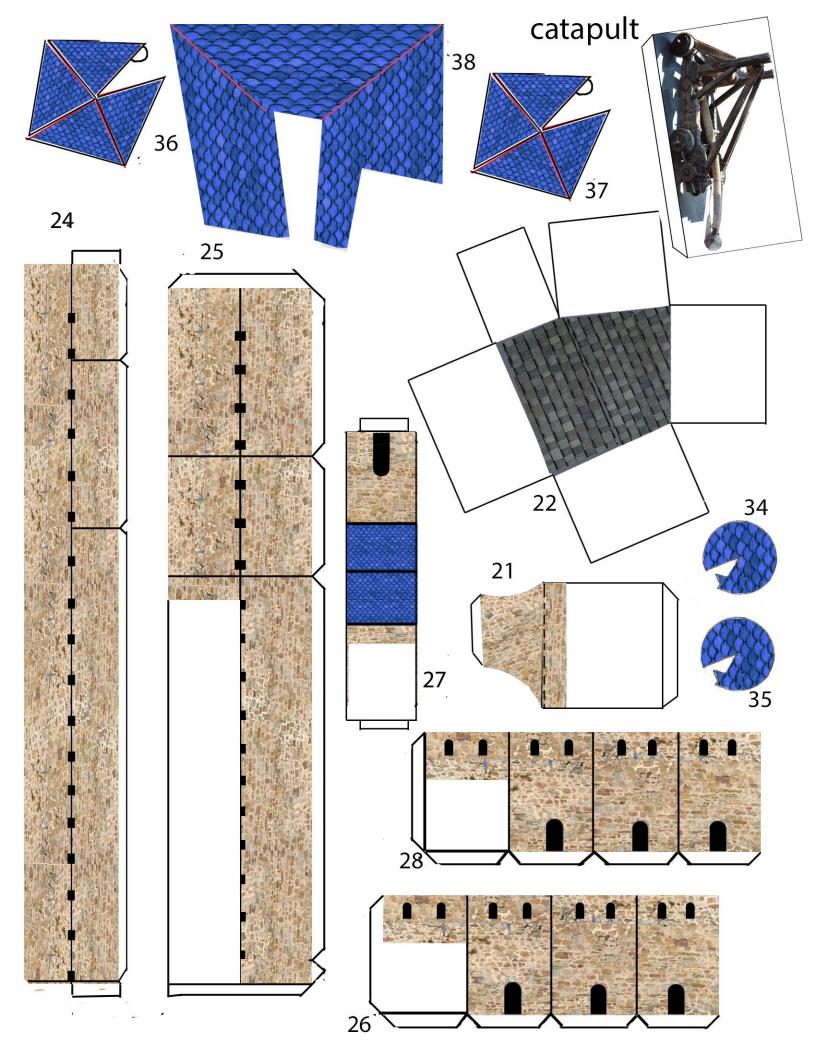
I used the picture to create a part you can add to your castle. So... I have added the catapult to one of the pages of parts. Now you can defend your castle:)





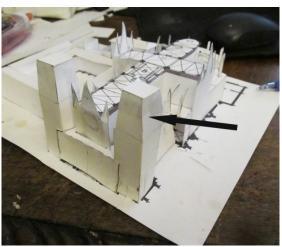






# Design and make your own paper castle

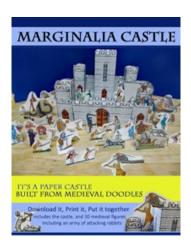
I had a whole lot of fun designing and building this paper castle. Would you like to design and build your own paper castle - based on a real one, or even just one out of your imagination?

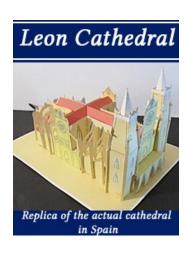


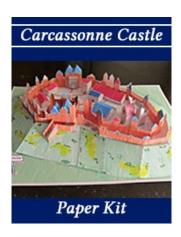
I have a tutorial on my website that shows you step-by-step how to do it. It's totally free and I give you some great insights and tips along with a process for making your own! It is amazing what you can make with just paper and glue. See that tutorial right here:

https://www.stormthecastle.com/paper-castle/how-to-design-and-make-a-paper-castle-cathedral-or-church-based-on-a-real-one.htm

## My other paper castles you can make







# All available on my website here:

<u>Marginalia Castle</u> - This is a unique twist on the paper castle. It is a marginalia castle taken from authentic medieval drawings and doodles.

<u>Leon Cathedral</u> - A Paper replica of the actual cathedral in Leon Spain <u>Carcassonne Castle</u> - A replica of the Knight's Templar castle in France