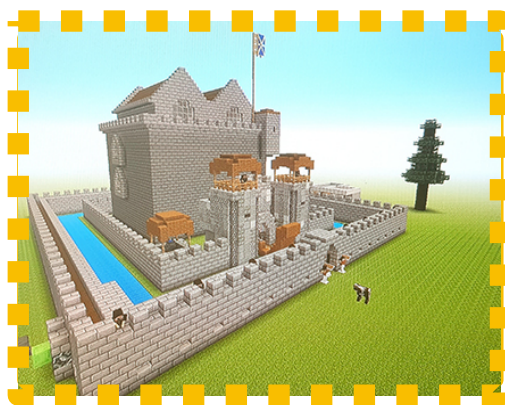


# Minecraft

## Castle Challenge



Can you build a Scottish castle in Lego or Minecraft?  
This Minecraft castle-building challenge was designed by 11-year-old Lochie and friends.

Lochie said, “This is a real technical challenge and it will take you ages. The list of features gets you to make a castle that looks quite realistic. I did it with two friends and we’re really proud of it.

- The hardest thing was the **saltire flag**. You need to make a pattern with a loom. I was really pleased with that.
- **Arrow slits** are hard – you need to use steps to get the width right.
- The **throne**, **portcullis** and **drawbridge** are difficult to get to look good. The **keep**, **crow-stepped gables** and water-filled **moat** just take ages to make.
- The **murder hole** is a technical challenge to get to work but you can use lava as boiling oil and pour it through – you can also drop snowballs instead.

You could do all of this in Lego – and get the drawbridge to work too.”

You can rate your creation by adding up the scores for including at least one of the following features:

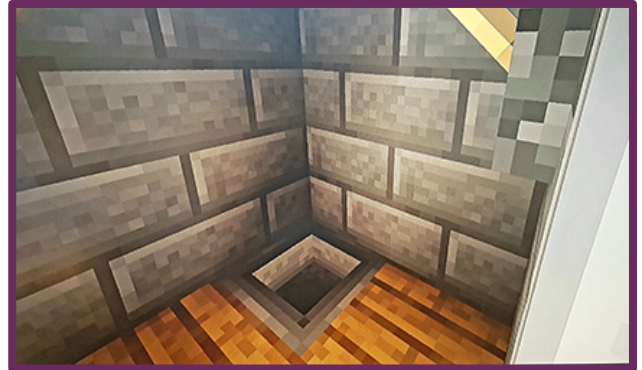
Feature	Points	Feature	Points
Aumbry	2	Murder hole (with oil)	7
Arch	3	Fireplace	7
Battlements	4	Keep	8
Gun loop	4	Arrow slit	8
Drawbridge	5	Window seat	8
Well	5	Crow-stepped gable	8
Privy/garderobe	6	Turret	9
Spiral staircase	6	Throne	9
Water-filled moat	6	Saltire banner	10

## Minecraft inspiration

Take a look at some of the ways Lochie created his Minecraft castle and get inspired to create your own!



**Aumbries:** cupboards set into the stone wall of a castle.



**A privy/garderobe:** toilet seats above chutes through the castle walls.



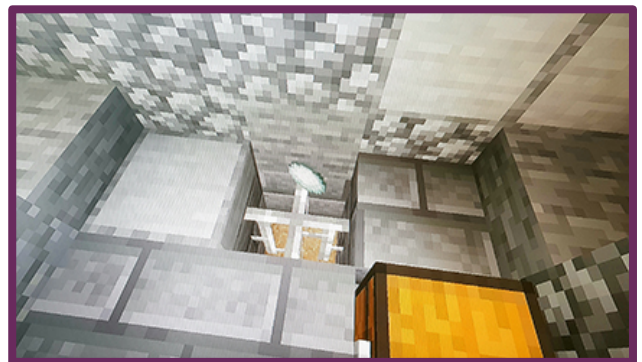
**Crow-stepped gables:** a stair-step design on the triangular ends of a building.



**The gatehouse:** the fortified entrance to a castle.



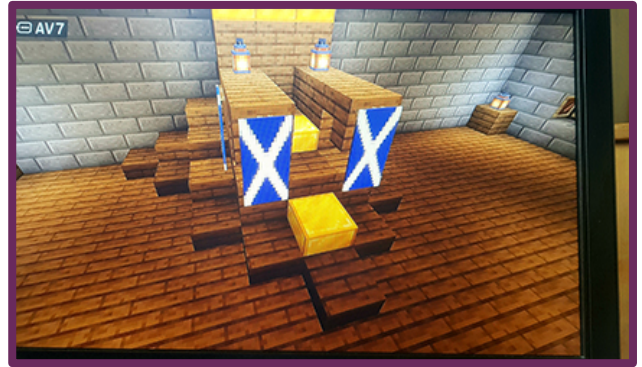
**The keep:** the square tower in the middle of a castle, where the most important people lived.



**A murder hole:** holes where castle dwellers threw things onto intruders, such as boiling oil, rocks or erm, snowballs.



**A portcullis:** an iron gate that could be lowered to protect against attack.



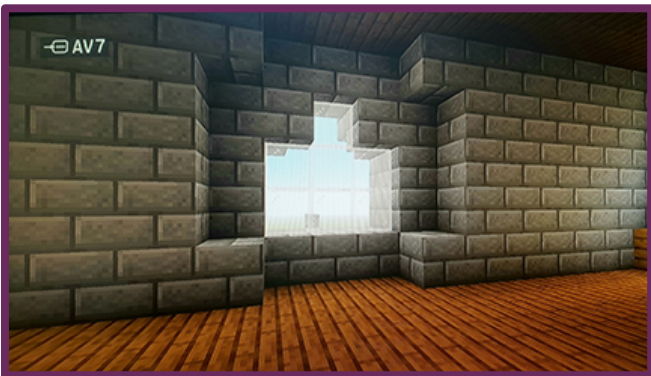
**A throne:** seating fit for royalty.



**A turret:** a small tower extending up above a building (they can be square like this one or round).



**A well:** from which castle inhabitants could draw up water from deep down.



**A window seat:** where the lord or lady could get good light for tasks like reading or sewing.



**We hope you enjoyed this Minecraft Challenge!**

**How did you get on? What was your score? Did you add extra features?**

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