

## Castlemakers 2025 Putt Putnam County

Castlemakers is welcoming people to build a mini-golf hole and bring it to the October 3rd First Friday event! The tradition started in 2016 with *Castlemakers Kids* building mini-golf holes in groups of 2-4 youth participants for a competition. That tradition will continue, but we've opened it up for anyone to build a hole and bring it to the event on Franklin Street!

### The Basic Rules

1. The size of the miniature golf 'green' area should be 3' by 7'.
2. We recommend this as a group or family project; it can be a great way for organizations to work with each other and have some fun in the process.
3. We'd like to know that you'll be entering a hole by *September 29th*, please email [info@castlemakers.org](mailto:info@castlemakers.org) and we'll confirm your hole reservation. Please include your group info, mini-golf hole name, and a contact name/phone number for questions.

### Steps in the process:

1. Get a group of people - whether it be your organization, workplace, or even a family.
2. A theme for your mini-golf hole can help. We've seen things from candyland to steampunk.
3. Research & sketch your ideas. Create & ask questions. For example, what size hole will you need? What materials will you use on the surface? How should it be constructed?
4. Make a sketch of your design. Develop a parts list of things you'll need & get them/ request help.
5. Build the main body of the course, see dimensions above.
6. Start building obstacles, ramps, etc. Building a prototype may help.
7. Test (which you can do earlier) & troubleshoot!

We're here to help! You can see some examples of what's been done at previous events on our website at <http://castlemakers.org/putt-putnam-county/>. We also have a blog post with hints on building a mini-golf hole at <http://castlemakers.org/building-a-mini-golf-hole/>. Or stop by Castlemakers, 19 E Franklin St, during our open shop times (<http://castlemakers.org/events>). There's not only some mini-golf holes stored there from previous years, you can also find folks willing to offer suggestions and assistance if needed. We'll even help you put together a team if you want!

Completed mini-golf holes for this no-charge event will be displayed at the October First Friday event from 6:00-8:00pm, Friday **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, on Franklin Street in front of Castlemakers. Again, let us know by Monday September 29th & we'll get you included on the scorecard. **Please be there no later than 5 pm** to set up your hole. We'll be there from 4pm on...