

Castlemakers 2026 Putt Putnam County

Castlemakers is welcoming people to build a mini-golf hole and bring it to the October 2nd 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 28th*, please email 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, 8 N Jackson 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 6:00-8:30pm, Friday **October 2nd**, on Franklin Street in front of Castlemakers. Again, let us know by Monday September 28th & 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...