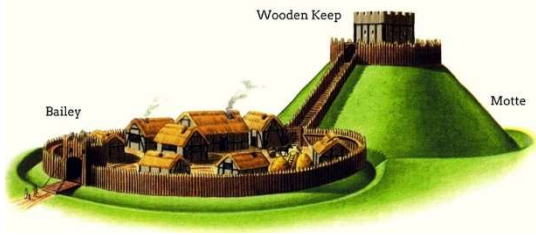


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## Motte and Bailey castles.



These castles were first built out of wood. This meant they were easy and quick to build. The material used was cheap to buy and easy to get. The keep was built on a height mound so they could see their enemies coming. The ditch around the mound was very hard to get across.

The problem with using wood was it burnt easily and it was a weak material. It was also hard work to build such a large mound.

## Stone keep castles



Castles began to be built out of stone which meant it could not be burnt down. This strong material meant defence walls could be built high and thick. The stone walls and towers were much stronger against the use of catapults during an attack. The use of stone also meant the castles would last for many years and could be built much larger and grander.

The problem with using stone was it cost a lot of money and was very heavy to build with. It also took many years to build. A medium size castle would take between 5-10 years to complete. Also stone castles cost a lot to look after and were very cold.