

The world of Sandcastles and sand sculptures

From Woolacombe to China people across the world are building mind-blowing sand sculptures.

Here are just a few!

US Open Imperial Beach Sandcastle Competition California, USA

MASTER SAND SCULPTING COMPETITION Hampton Beach, USA

UK National Sandcastle Competition Woolacombe Bay, UK

International Sand Sculpture Exhibition Antalya, Turkey

International Sand Sculpture Festival Luliang, China

AIA Sandcastle Competition Galveston, Texas, USA

SANDSATON international sand sculpture festival Berlin, Germany

Boracay Island sand sculptures Boracay Island, Philippines

Australian Sand Sculpting Championships, Surfers Paradise, Australia

The Tools

5 GALLON BUCKETS

SHOVEL

RAKE

Palette knives

WHEELBARROW

Pneumatic drill

PAINT BRUSH

A STRAW

WATER Sprayer

Techniques

The basics

Sand, water, sun and friends

The equipment

Shovel – Ideally a long-handled model with a small scoop

Buckets – 2 buckets is ideal, one to mix the sand and one to carry water

Carving tools - Anything with a thin blade and straight edge for basic shaping

Finishing tools - A soft bristled paintbrush for smoothing surfaces and a straw for blowing away loose sand

The building methods

Soft-packing – With this method you start to mould with dry sand and then add water

Hand-stacking – This is the method of mixing the sand and water in advance (mix-scoop-plop-flatten-jiggle)

Freestyle – Just make it up as you go along

The building blocks

Towers – A big stack of pancakes

Walls – Used to connect towers, create a staircase or encircle a castle – Form bricks instead of pancakes

Arches – Use a keystone, a single block at the apex of the arch

Combine structures – Join towers together using walls, staircases and bridges

Moat – Drowns enemies, protects the castle

Flags – Every sandcastle needs them

Shells – Decoration is a must, Go crazy!

World Records

Most sandcastles built in 1 hour – 1,564

Achieved by Adventure Wellington on Lyall Bay Beach, in Wellington, New Zealand, on 25 November 2012.

WORLDS tallest sandcastle - 11.53m (37ft 10in)

Built by Ed Jarrett in Connecticut USA on 20 May 2011. Construction began on 1 April and finished on 20 May 2011.

Sandcastle competition

WIN A HOLIDAY

Take part in our sandcastle photo competition to win a holiday at one of our 4 parks for up to 6 people.

Simply take a photo (or video) of your best sandcastle or sand sculpture and send it to sandcastle@woolacombe.com.

You'll be able to view the entries and find out the winners on our [website](#).

Closing date 1st September 2013.

Best of luck!

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