

ART LAB CAMP: Hot Art for Cool Kids at Home

Explore the Science of Architecture and Design

OUTSIDE AND INSIDE: How are the places and spaces around us created? Artists and designers plan and create places and spaces for living, working, and playing. They observe and design the shapes and forms of buildings. They plan and design new spaces or remodel old spaces. An **architect** is an artist who plans buildings. Artists who plan interior spaces or rooms are called **interior designers**. They choose the details such as the color and designs for the walls and floors and decide where everything is placed in a room.

GO FIND! Look for these paintings in the *Storytelling* exhibition upstairs at WAM:



Horace Pippin, *West Chester, Pennsylvania*, 1942. Oil on canvas, 29 3/8 x 36 3/8 inches. Wichita Art Museum, Roland P. Murdock Collection

What do you see? →

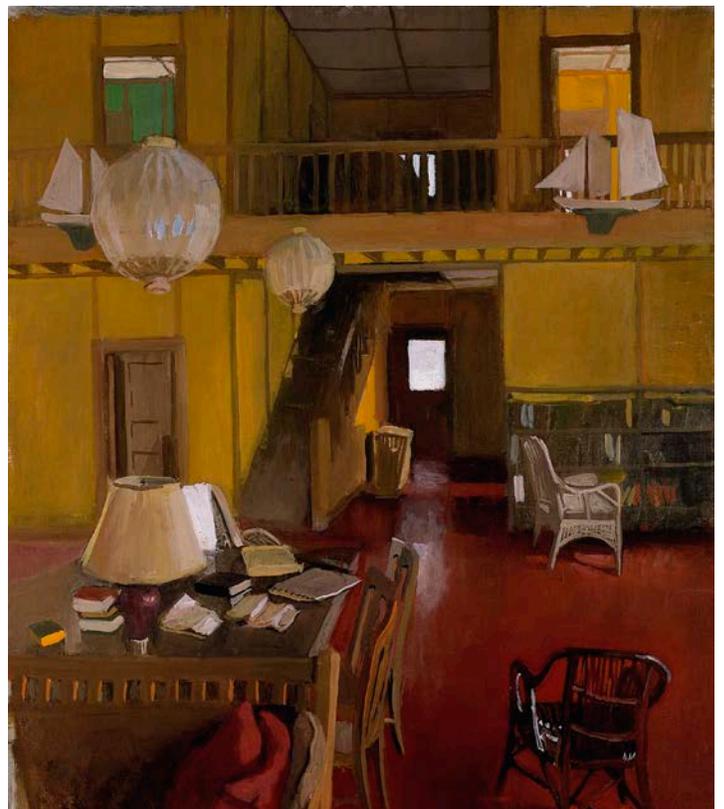
If you could hear sounds coming from this artwork, what would you hear?

How does the room in this painting make you feel? Explain why.

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Why might the artist have chosen to show us a scene and building such as this?



Fairfield Porter, *Yellow Room*, 1961. Oil on canvas, 46 1/2 x 40 1/2 inches. Wichita Art Museum, Museum purchase, Burneta Adair Endowment Fund and Mildred H. Wood Estate

GO EXPLORE!

What is your home like? Explore the architecture of the building you live in. Fill out this questionnaire to reveal the details of the structure of your own home. Ask a grown-up to help if needed.

MY HOME QUESTIONNAIRE

The Outside

My home is _____ stories high. It is made of _____. The building colors are _____. There are _____ windows and _____ doors to the outside on my home. The front door has a color of _____. The front door is _____ feet by _____ feet. Some of the other things on the front door of my home are: _____, _____, _____. The roof of my home is made from this material: _____. Is there a chimney? Circle YES or NO. The roof on my house has this shape (Draw what you see):

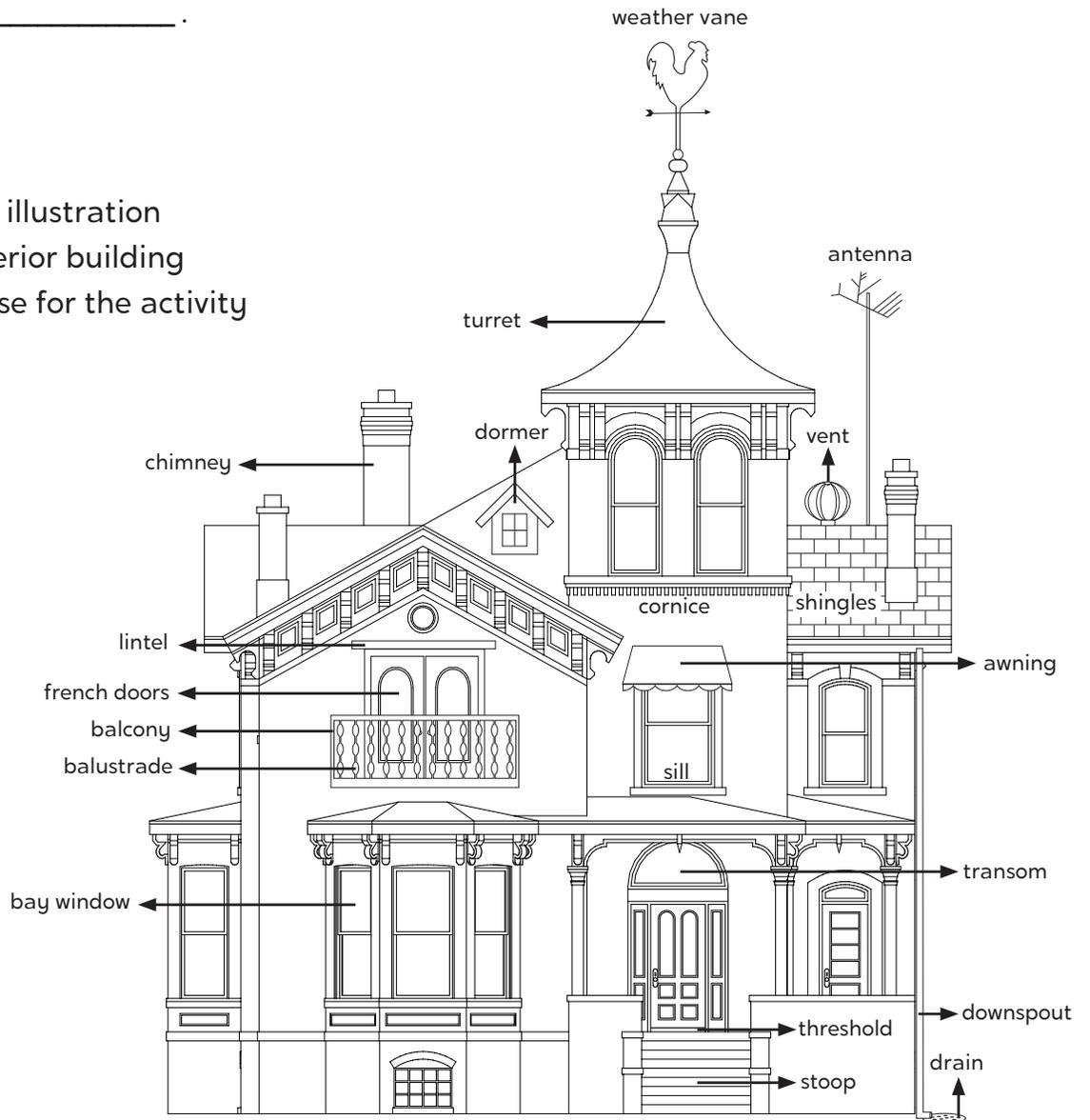
The Inside

There are _____ rooms in my home. The largest room is the _____. The smallest room is the _____. The kitchen floor is made of _____ and is the color of _____. The color of the kitchen cabinets is _____. The bathroom floor is made of _____ and it is the color of _____. There ARE or ARE NOT (circle one) stairs in my home. How many staircases? _____. The total number of steps is _____.

In my bedroom, the floor is the color of _____, and my bed looks like this (Draw what you see):

I can see these things from my bedroom window: _____, _____, _____.
My favorite room is _____. The things in this room are _____, _____, _____.

Look at the helpful illustration to the right for exterior building features you can use for the activity on the next page.



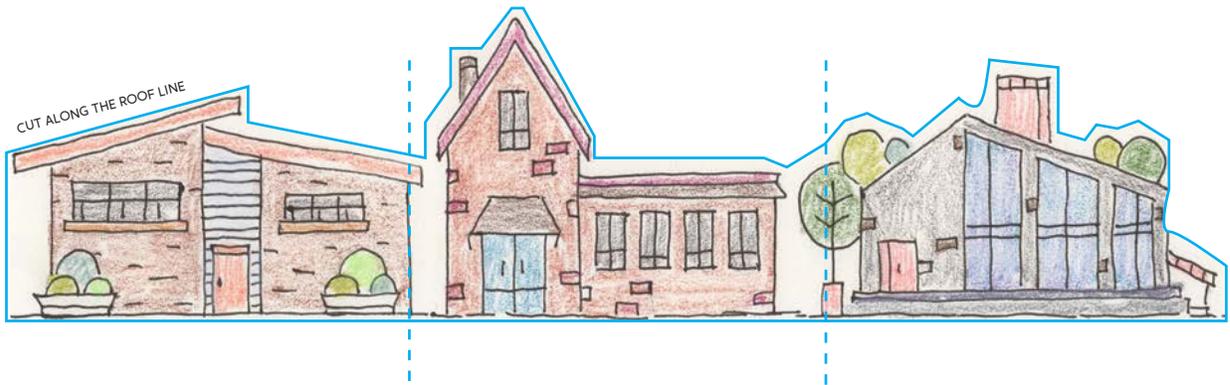
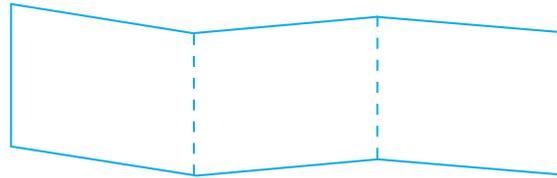
GO CREATE! Design a Row of Buildings

People live, work, shop, and play in different kinds of buildings. What kinds of buildings do you have in your neighborhood or town? You can create a scene with different kinds of buildings side by side, including your own home. In many neighborhoods, there are similar houses styles. You can create a row of houses or a row of buildings, or a combination of both. You get to be the architect now! Before you begin, decide what other structures you will include in your artwork. Your artwork will show the outside of your buildings on one side of your drawing and will show the inside of your buildings on the other side.

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED: A long strip of white paper, pencil, colored pencils, scissors

DIRECTIONS

1. Fold your long paper into three parts, accordion-style
2. Unfold the paper and draw the exterior of your buildings. Don't forget to add a roof! Use different kinds of roof shapes if you would like.
3. Cut out along the tops of the roofs.
4. Flip your paper over and design the inside! Plan what each room will be, and draw furniture, curtains, and decorations.



DRAW THE INSIDE ROOMS ON THE BACK!