

“Frank Lloyd Wright Homes”



Objective: Design home and environment inspired by American Architecture

Materials

- Variety of Colored Construction Paper, 12" x 18"
- Pencils, Rulers and Glue
- Markers and/or Colored Pencils

Motivation

- Look at images and take a virtual tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's *Falling Water*. Talk about how it fits with the surrounding environment.
- Read some fun facts about Frank Lloyd Wright's life and work and go over architecture vocab.
- Show a few American architecture styles to students and ask if they've seen examples in their communities.

Step 1: Create House

Have students choose one American architecture style to focus on. Create handouts with examples for students to use as inspiration. Consider including styles such as Prairie, Log Cabin, Ranch, Colonial, or Victorian. Have each student choose a 12"x18" piece of construction paper for his or her home and draw out the main shape using a ruler. Encourage original designs. Students can then begin to add details.

Step 2: Add Texture

Talk about texture and the different materials an architect might use to design a home. Have students add at least 3 real or implied textures using colored pencils, markers or collage. Have each student cut around the perimeter of his or her finished house.

Step 3: Add Background and Environment

Talk about what it means to be a landscape architect. Have students choose a 12"x18" paper for the sky color, and cut another paper in half to use for the ground color. Have students choose colors that fit their environments, glue them together and glue the houses on top. Then, have students add at least 3 landscape elements to the home using materials of your choice.

Tip: To assess, ask students to point out the 3 textures they used, and tell you what style of architecture they chose for their home designs.

Tip: If students finish early, they can create floor plans for their homes.