

Make your own recycled house

Imagine you are in the future and you have to build and design SUSTAINABLE ECOLOGICAL new houses. Nothing else can be taken from the earth. We can no longer dig up stone or make bricks or even cut down trees.

All we can do is recycle houses we already have. We have the technology to take buildings and dissect them. We can turn buildings upside down or on their side or make them revolve.

Two classes from Mayfield Primary School, Cambridge, made the first recycled houses in May 2016. Now they've shared these instructions so that you can make your own.



- First think about what you're going to build.
- Top tip - You don't have to think about it.
- You can draw what you want.
- Think about what buildings you're going to use in your project.
- Make space to live and electricity.
- How are you going to set up your work?
- Think of places you have been and if it was fun you can do something like that.
- You can make it out of anything.
- You can make it anywhere. I put mine in space.
- Share ideas as a group and tell each other what you are doing.
- Think of what materials you're going to use. I used oil pastels.
- You need masking tape
- Find some magazines to cut up. Cut out houses.
- Cut out carefully.
- Inspire yourself.
- Get a piece of plain paper.
- Design the picture and colour it in.
- Just go crazy – there's no wrong or right way.
- Use your imagination.
- Think outside of the box.
- Choose what materials you need.
- Use all the materials you want but don't steal other people's unless you have asked them and they said yes.
- Don't draw things that are possible today – you can, but try and draw things that are made up and in the future.
- Try and have fun.
- Don't use real bricks, glass and doors – you might get hurt.
- Finally, do your last touches to your building in pen.
- Now design a costume for yourself.

More about the work of ArtScapers and examples of their recycled houses can be seen at <http://www.cambridgecandi.org.uk/projects/reimagine/artscapers>.

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