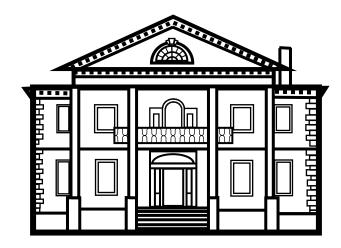
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Drawing Buildings

Drawing a building is easy when you break it up into shapes! Start with the biggest shapes first, then add in smaller shapes and details until it's complete. <u>Watch our demonstration</u> using the Morris-Jumel Mansion pictured below, then use this technique to draw another building you like.





Materials

Front view or photo of a building • Paper • Pencil

Instructions





- Find a straight-ahead view, or *elevation*, of a building's **Step 1** *façade* (front). Turn your paper horizontally or vertically to match the building's overall shape.
- Start by drawing the overall shape of the building on your paper, such as a large rectangle, or a rectangle with triangle on top.
- Continue drawing the other shapes you see in the building, moving from biggest to smallest. Add in other important lines and patterns you see.
- Once the drawing is complete, label the architectural parts on your drawing using our <u>Illustrated Building Parts</u> glossary.
- Step 5 Share a photograph of your creation on Instagram! Tag @centerforarchk12 and use #architectureathome.