

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. [Watch our demonstration](#) 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



- Step 1** Find a straight-ahead view, or *elevation*, of a building's *façade* (front). Turn your paper horizontally or vertically to match the building's overall shape.
- Step 2** Start by drawing the overall shape of the building on your paper, such as a large rectangle, or a rectangle with triangle on top.
- Step 3** Continue drawing the other shapes you see in the building, moving from biggest to smallest. Add in other important lines and patterns you see.
- Step 4** Once the drawing is complete, label the architectural parts on your drawing using our [Illustrated Building Parts](#) glossary.
- Step 5** Share a photograph of your creation on Instagram! Tag [@centerforarchk12](#) and use [#architectureathome](#).