



A box is just a starting point. What we do to transform it is the exciting part. Artists use their imagination to transform simple shapes into extraordinary works of art. What can you create from just a box?

Activity: Not A Box House

Materials:

- Cardboard Box (any size)
- Scrap Pieces of Cardboard/Recyclable Materials from around the house
- Painters Tape/Duck Tape/Packing Tape
- Scissors
- Sharpie
- Drawing Materials (Markers, Paints, Colored Pencils)

Directions:

- Determine which part will be the bottom of your house. Tape the bottom of your box shut
- Remove two of the four top pieces with scissors, save for later
- Using one of the top pieces you had previously removed, tape it to the two attached top pieces, into a roof shape
- Draw out a door frame and cut along with scissors, **ask an adult for help**
- Create windows by either cutting more shapes out around your house or draw them on
- Use recycled materials/scrap pieces to add on to your house, add a chimney, front steps, a garden, etc.
- Color in your house and continue to add more details!

Tips:

- Experiment! Your house doesn't have to look the same as the example.
- How would you make two floors in your box house?
- Have fun! This house can be anything you want it to be.

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- Choose your favorite cartoon character and design the house around them. What would they like?



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