



Christopher Pratt, *House in August*, 1969, oil on board, 17 ½ x 24 ½ in.

Using the work of Christopher Pratt (left) and inspirations from Frank Lloyd Wright (famous architect known for creating buildings that connected with nature in unique ways), we invite you to make a colored pencil drawing of your dream house. Think about what Pratt's work may say about the inhabitant and what you would want the front of your house to say about you! What shape and size would you want your house to be?

For more information about this artwork click [here](#) and to read about two Frank Lloyd Wright houses owned by the Currier, click [here](#).

Activity: Dream house drawings

Materials:

- paper
- pencil and eraser
- colored pencils
- sharpener
- ruler or drafting tools

Directions:

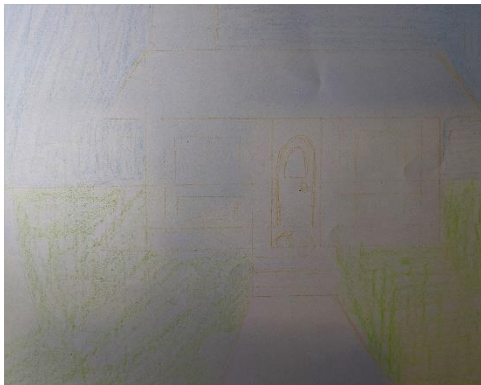
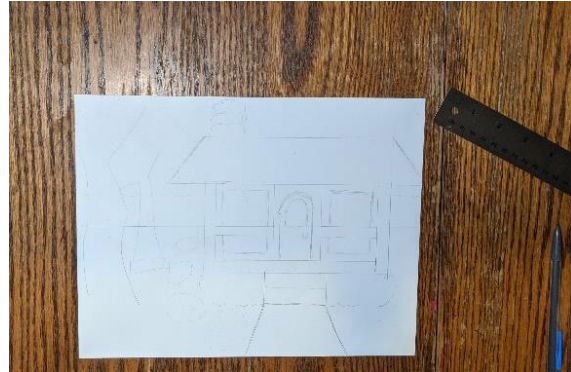
- Use your pencil and ruler to create the horizon line in your drawing.
- Use your ruler to create the basic shape of your house, in relation to the horizon. Make sure that the lines that you are adding are light so they will not impact the final drawing.
- Once you have the basic shape of your house (i.e. a rectangle), begin to use your ruler and pencil to lightly add details to your house. How many windows will you have, where will you place your door? Are there stairs? A porch?
- Once you have the details of your house lightly penciled in, begin to think about the yard about your house. Will there be a tree? What can you see behind your house?
- After everything is lightly sketched, use your eraser to lighten any lines that may have gotten too dark.
- Then you will use your colored pencils to finish your drawing. Start lightly and build up detail by pressing the pencil harder for a darker hue.

Tips:

- Have fun and be creative!!
- You may want to find a reference image for designing your house, I went online and searched for houses that fit my aesthetic.
- Try to include details that would make someone recognize this house as your own.

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