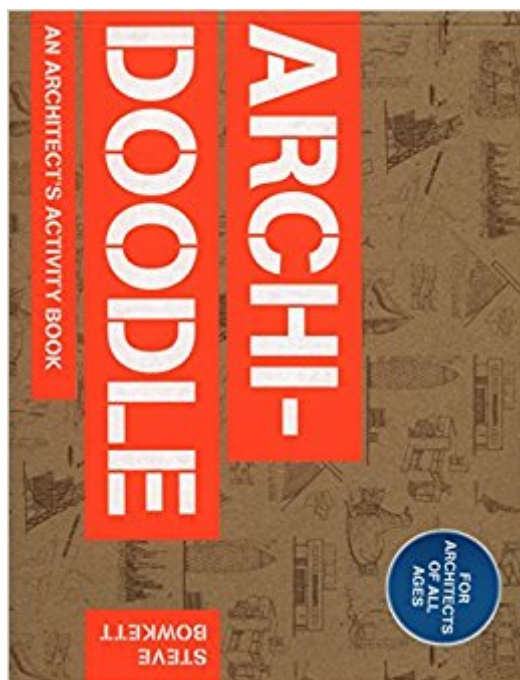


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# Archidoodle: The Architect's Activity Book



## Synopsis

This innovative book is the first to provide a fun, interactive way to learn about architecture. Filled with an array of beautiful and elegant drawings, it poses all manner of architectural challenges for the user: from designing your own skyscraper, to drawing an island house or creating a Constructivist monument, plus many others more. Aimed at anyone who loves drawing buildings, it encourages the user to imagine their own creative solutions by sketching, drawing and painting in the pages of the book. In so doing, they will learn about a whole range of significant architectural issues, such as the importance of site and materials, how to furnish a space, how to read plans, how to create sustainable cities and so on. The book also includes numerous examples of works and ideas by major architects to draw inspiration from and will appeal to everyone from children to students to architects.

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"Your architect friends, family members and visually inclined children will all love [Archidoodle]." - The New York Times

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I bought this book for my 9 year old son who wants to be an architect. He LOVES the book. The activities range from simple to complex, so he can pick and choose based on his mood. We've done

a few of them together, which is great for us because it gives us something to bond over--mom's don't usually have that much in common with 9 year old boys, but everyone loves to draw skyscrapers. It occupies him for at least 30 minutes, sometimes hours, which means less time in front of the TV, computer, or video games.

I like the Archidoodle: The Architect's Activity Book. It gets the juices flowing for creating unusual and interesting buildings you otherwise never would have designed. It isn't a textbook or anything on a technical training level but it is a fun book to just create away in. For example, you are instructed to design a house by a cliff and one by a waterfall all the way to design and draw a sectional view of a house that has been influenced by a machine. Some ideas are fascinating like design a funky-looking chimney or design some ideas for domesticated animals, (other than a dog), with one idea showing a cat basket that hangs off a radiator. Some thought-provoking ones too like using a mountain slope, design in section the arrangement of a small thermal bath house and you are asked to consider views, light and privacy. So it can go from designing something simple to the very complex. I recommend this book to any novice architect, but I also recommend this to any pro out there too, because this book will get you to open up your skills and design things you might have never designed otherwise. There are plenty of buildings, cities and houses to design as well. One bobble is that most scenes are set so one is a little limited by set scenes to draw a building or a city, but that too is a challenge I kind of like since it makes you think about how to overcome a set scene and yet still design a great house, building or city. Just keep in mind this is a fun book to just create in. I love this book and I think you will too.

This was a gift for my son who likes to draw. He has shown an interest in learning to draw buildings and is thinking of architectural drafting or rendering when he gets older. I thought this would be a great book for him to get started on some basics and give him so activities to try on his own. He LOVES it! Lots of great examples of different parts of a building he can use to give a drawing more texture. He's 14 and this is at just the right level for him.

This is an absolutely fantastic book for anyone interested in Architecture. I bought it for my (very mature) 12 year old and she has not put it down. There are lots of architecture terms and how to's. Honestly, I bought it as one of the "buy these three" and didn't expect much but it ended up being a fun, interesting book.

I liked the book but decided not to use it. I like the way it has pages with partial drawings and space to expand on them, but I would have liked more instruction and guidance.

Skimmed through it in a book store and bought it for a friend's birthday (he's turning 22). I might buy one for myself! Filled with many architectural references, from structures to famous architects to architectural theory. It really is an activity book for all ages, adding a playful quality to things we love about architecture

I bought this book as a gift for my 12-year-old grandson, a future architect. Porter is always drawing designs and floorplans for houses and this book was perfect for him!

Daughter loves this book. Friends of hers that are also into design enjoy the book, too. Is helpful in learning to draw with perspective and architectural features.

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