

Appropriate Age or Grade Level: **2 to 4** Estimated Duration: **1 hour**

Objectives/Key Concepts: Learn what blueprints are and how they're used. You'll also create your own while using a LEGO for scale to figure out how long or wide your structure will be.

Materials:

- LEGOs
- Blueprint examples
- Blueprint paper
- Black ink pens

Instructions:

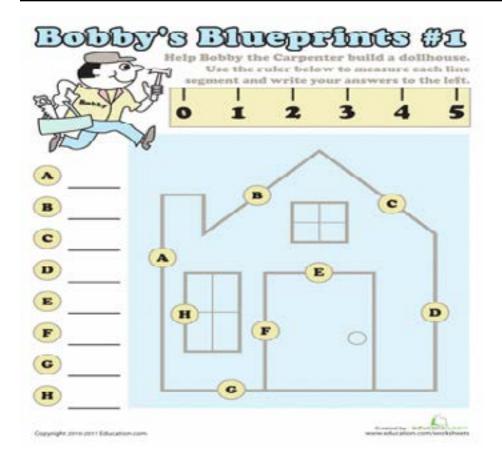
- 1. Grab your blueprint paper and get ready to create your own blueprint.
- 2. Get ready to design a floorplan, complete with windows, chairs, walls and more. Use your imagination. It's your building, so set your own requirements for what's included.
- 3. Once your blueprint is complete, grab some LEGOs. Use a LEGO for scale and start to figure out just how big your building would be.
- 4. Now use your LEGOs to bring your blueprint to life!

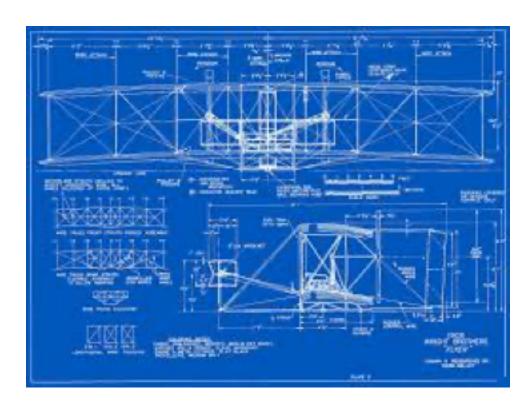
Background Information:

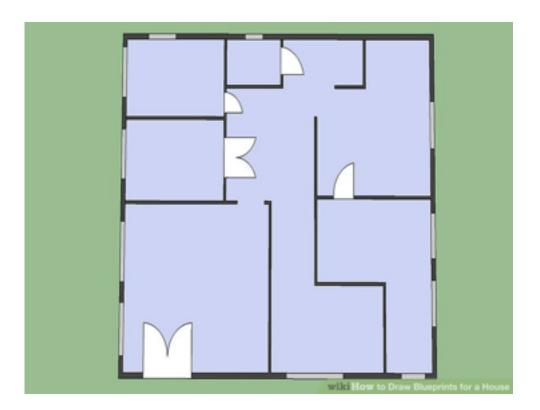
- What are blueprints? Blueprints serve as a guide and layout of buildings, rooms, products and more that are being designed.
- What is included in a blueprint? Precise locations of certain elements such as walls, doors and windows, as well as plumbing and electric.

We are creating virtual learning opportunities and online resources – including exhibits, videos, blogs, curator interviews and activities – to help students keep their minds active during school closure.

Blueprint examples







Bibliography:

https://sciencing.com/make-blueprint-kids-6621832.html

http://www.the-house-plans-guide.com/how-to-read-blueprints.html

https://blog.plangrid.com/2016/04/the-history-of-blueprints/

https://www.wikihow.com/Draw-Blueprints-for-a-House