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## Let's Learn About Architecture

Join a courageous little girl who dreams of various careers, including including being an architect. Throughout the story, the girl's passion for learning inspires young readers to pursue their their own dreams.

### Maybe I'll Be an Architect

By Tenille Bettenhausen, readers 3-7

**90**  
MINUTES

Reading	15
Presentation	15
Activity	60



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# Build a Structure Inspired by the Book!

## Materials

Ask participants to save and bring cleaned, recycled items they have on-hand. on-hand. Add cardboard, cardstock, aluminum foil, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, glue sticks, tape, yarn, paper, etc. to increase creativity.

## Steps

- 1 Break participants into small groups (3-6 depending on size of group).
- 2 Give each group 5 minutes to brainstorm what they will be build. Prompt Prompt them to consider shape, texture, materials and function. How would How would the featured architect or architectural concept apply to their their design?
- 3 Allow groups access to the materials and start building either individually or as a group. (20-30 minutes).
- 4 Reflect on the build/s. Use the suggested reflection ideas in the next the next column or create your own.

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## Reflection Suggestions

- Ask participants to share their build with group. What do they love about it? What was challenging?
- Display the finished builds together. Reflect on the differences in approaches and materials.
- Ask participants to share their inspiration for their build. How did they apply it to their design?
- Select a build and sketch it on paper from a chosen point of view (side,top, front). How did drawing reveal its design?



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