

“Paint Chip Cities”



Objective: Create cityscape using paint chips and various drawn shapes for buildings.

Materials

- 9x12 inch construction paper
- Paint chips
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sharpies

Motivation

- Read [Iggy Peck, Architect](#) and/or [Rosie Revere, Engineer](#).
- Watch this video about [engineering](#).
- Bring in a guest speaker!
- Demo adding windows, doors, and other features to buildings.

Step 1: Sketch and Practice

Have students look at images of many different kinds of buildings and structures. Then, have them sketch out their unique city plans. Students may also need to practice drawing a building with many windows and features. Encourage them to work slowly when adding details so that their windows and doors are recognizable.

Step 2: Create Buildings

Hand out paint chips. Demonstrate how the paint chips can be cut to make unique building shapes. After buildings are cut, have students add details like doors and windows using Sharpie markers.

Step 3: Glue and Add Details

Have students arrange, overlap, then glue the buildings to the background page. Details may be added to the sky and ground to finish the scene.

Tip: This lesson is part of an entire unit directed towards architecture and engineering. See the choice-based menu [here!](#)

Tip: You can find paint chips at a variety of places, including hardware stores and even Walmart.

Tip: To take this lesson a step further, consider adding collage details instead of using marker. Metallic papers can be a fun touch for windows.