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AS WEVE LEARNED, THE BUILDINGS AROUND US DON'T JUST MAGICALLY APPEAR AS FULLY FORMED SPACES - IT TAKES RESOURCES TO HARVEST THE MATERIALS, TRANSPORT THEM, CONSTRUCT THEM INTO SOMETHING, AND MAINTAIN THEM. IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THESE BUILDINGS, ARCHITECTS WILL OFTEN CONDUCT SOMETHING CALLED A LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS. THIS IS WHEN WE BREAK DOWN EVERY STAGE IN THE LIFE OF AN OBJECT. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE WOULD ANALYZE SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A NEW WOOD-FRAMED WINDOW FOR A HOUSE.



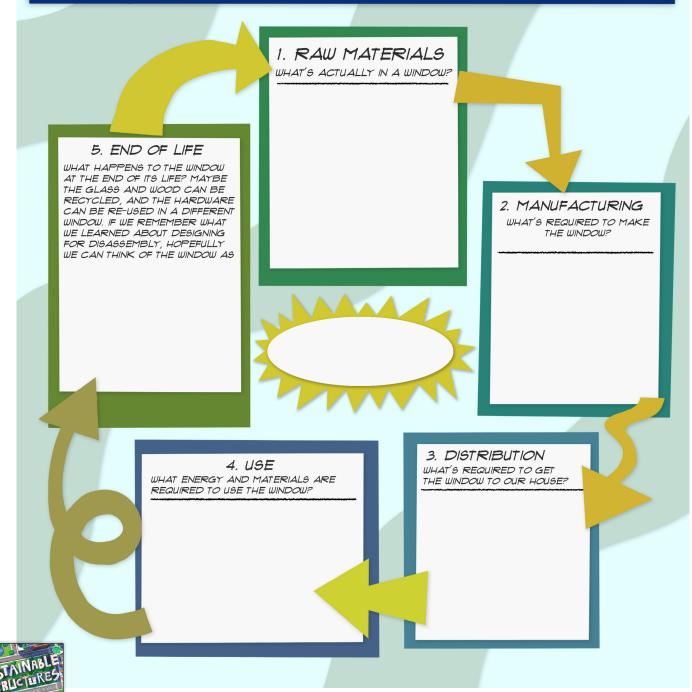
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NOW IT'S YOUR TURN! CHOOSE AN OBJECT AROUND YOU - MAYBE IT'S YOUR SHIRT, PENCIL, BOOK - AND TRY TO BREAK DOWN THE LIFE OF THAT OBJECT. THE MORE DETAILED, THE BETTER! BY CONDUCTING A LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS, WE COME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND ALL THE ENERGY AND RESOURCES THAT GO INTO SOMETHING SEEMINGLY SO SIMPLE!



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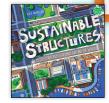


RE-USE BINGO

SOME OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE BUILDINGS MAKE USE OF LOCAL MATERIALS RIGHT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO CUT DOWN ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY USE. WHY DONT WE TRY TO DO THE SAME? THERE ARE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AROUND US...IF WE JUST LEARN TO LOOK. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND!



DOLL, A FUN COSTUME? OR EVEN A SMALL BUILDING?



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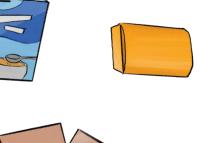
SUSTAINABLE STRUCTURE **CRAFTING PROJECT**

Build your own sustainable structure with things from around your home! Create a building using some of the recycled materials and other supplies below. Which repurposable items can you find around the house? Do you have any other ideas for supplies you can reuse? Be sure to clean out your materials before you use them!

Recycled Supply Ideas:

- Toilet paper rolls
- **Chip canisters** •
- **Empty spools** •
- Wrapping paper rolls •
- Cereal boxes •
- Cardboard boxes •
- Egg cartons •
- Scrap paper

- Popsicle sticks
- Empty plastic packaging
- Water bottles
- Tin cans
- Paper shopping bags
- **Staws**
- Bottle caps





Which other recycled supplies can you gather around your home?

Other Supplies You May Need: Scissors Tape Markers Glue • Scraps of ribbon/string • Pencils Stapler and staples Paint **Rubber bands** Pens Sustainable Structures: 15 Eco-Conscious Buildings Around the World Learn more about Books for a Better Earth[™]! HOLIDAY HOUSE HolidayHouse.com/booksforabetterearth May be reproduced at no charge. By Kate McMillan HC: 9780823455669 HolidayHouse.com

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CONCEPT MATCHING

Match the concepts from *Sustainable Structures* on the left to their definitions on the right by drawing a line.



Concepts

Biomimicry

Energy Positive Buildings

Design for Disassembly

Sustainable Buildings

Definitions

Architects are encouraged to plan ahead of time how demolition will ensure that materials are easily recovered and reused.

Humans emulate concepts from nature to solve human problems.

Structures designed to minimize negative effects on the environment and provide positive living conditions for the people inside.

When an old building or structure is reused for something new instead of being torn down.

A building's renewable energy is used to generate more energy than consumed.

Adaptive Reuse

Thermal Mass

A material's ability to store and release heat.



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