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**EXPLORE**

# **BE INSPIRED BY** **ARCHITECTURE** **AND DESIGN**

This section introduces you to some aspects of architecture before you get started on your own design project.

# BE INSPIRED

## Activity

### A VIRTUAL TOUR

Take a virtual tour to explore Irish and global architecture.

This short exercise will give you a glimpse of some of the innovative and inspiring work done by architects in Ireland and around the world.

You will be introduced to diverse architectural styles and building types. Your own design project may not be based on the buildings you choose, however they may inspire you. The online resources will help you to get started, with examples of well-known architects and their work.

### Choose 3 buildings

- A** An inspiring or amazing building, a place you'd like to visit
- B** A building that uses unusual materials or construction methods
- C** A sustainable / green building



### Discuss

Discuss your choices with your class. Think about why you chose these buildings. This will help you to start expressing your own ideas and opinions about architecture. You could prepare a group slideshow or collage to present your buildings.

### Materials / Resources

Computer, Internet, Printer

<b>A</b>	<b>Building Name</b>	<b>Why I chose it</b>
	<b>Architect / Date</b>	
	<b>Location</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>Building Name</b>	<b>Why I chose it</b>
	<b>Architect / Date</b>	
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# SPACE STUDY

## Activity

### A FAMILIAR SPACE

Conduct a study of a space you are familiar with.

As you observe, record and discuss your chosen space, you will increase your spatial awareness and become a stronger visual learner.

### Choose your space

Choose a familiar space that you have a strong opinion about.

It may inspire you or not.

It could be a room, a part of a building or a public space – indoors or outdoors.

It could be a space you are closely connected with now (home, school, library) or somewhere you remember well.



My space is

Why I chose it

### Observe your space

Visit your space and spend time there.

Consider factors such as light, atmosphere, scale, materials, colours and circulation.

### Record your space

Use a variety of creative methods to record your space. Do a sketch with notes to convey the atmosphere of your space, working from life or from memory. Take photographs, create a collage or make sound or video recordings.

### Ask questions

What inspires you about this space? Or not?  
Would you change anything about the space?

What activities happen in the space?  
Is it busy or quiet? Bright or dark?

### Discuss

Share your impressions about your space with the class and find out what spaces other students are inspired by.

### Materials / Resources

Sketchbook, a range of drawing materials, camera/phone.

### Online Resources – Explore



[mydesignjournal.ie/students/space-study](http://mydesignjournal.ie/students/space-study)

Starting points

[mydesignjournal.ie/students/be-inspired](http://mydesignjournal.ie/students/be-inspired)

Search tools, weblinks, architectural styles and terms, architect's profiles