

Design Your Ideal Bedroom (3rd Grade)

Have an idea for each of the following questions:

What is the BIG IDEA for your Ideal Bedroom

Is it like being in a cloud? Is it like being on a beach? Does it feel like you are in a treehouse? What is the overall idea that helps you determine what happens in your Ideal Bedroom?

What is the SITE for your Ideal Bedroom

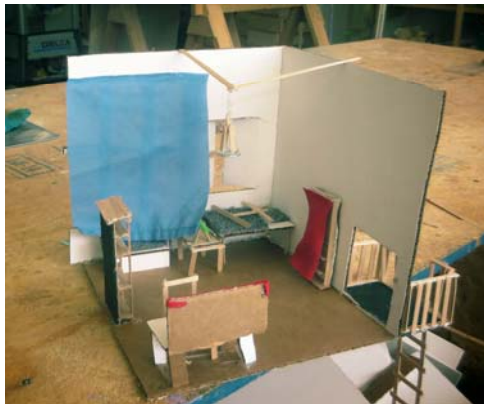
Are you in a forest? Are you in the middle of a garden with water sprays? Are you in the city with a park near-by? Are you in a high rise building on the 14th floor? Are you on the ground level with a porch alongside your bedroom? Is the site of your ideal bedroom real or an imaginary place?

What is the CLIMATE of your Ideal Bedroom

Are you in St. Louis, a city with 4 seasons? Are you in a city which is warm or cold for every season?

What is the MEANING of your Ideal Bedroom

Have five different ideas for the meaning of your ideal bedroom. Is it your spiritual place? Is it your place for relaxing? Is it your place to concentrate on your studies? Is it your place for spending time with your friends? Is it your place to find calmness and safety? Is it your place where you can be very imaginative?



What are the NEEDS OF THE DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

Who will use the Ideal Bedroom? What would adults, young adults, teens, children, pre-school children need to have in your Ideal Bedroom? If you are a teenager, is it a place for you and your friends to meet and have fun watching movies? Is it a place to do school projects? Is it a place to play chess? Is it a place to design and sew clothes? Is it a place to listen to music? Is it a place to have a sleepover with your friends? Can you do different things in different spaces in your Ideal Bedroom.

What ideas do you have about the SPACE in your Ideal Bedroom

Do you have level changes so that there is a loft? Do you have storage on wheels so you can change the arrangements? Do you have terraces, balconies so that your SPACE is both indoor and outdoor? Do you have panels that fold out from walls? Do you have a roof garden and a way to access it? Do you have movable folding partitions? Do you have platforms at different levels? Do you have furniture which can be used for different functions? A desk which becomes a table? A bed which can go into a wall?

What ideas do you have about STRUCTURE & MATERIALS for your Ideal Bedroom

Are the structure and materials hidden or viewable? Are you using wood, brick, steel, stucco? Are the columns and beams visible intentionally? Is everything covered so you only see a smooth surface? Are the walls, ceiling and floor the same material?

What ideas do you have about the TRANSITIONS in your Ideal Bedroom

Do you have overhangs from inside to outside? Do you have shutters and screens between inside and outside? Do you have an entrance to your Ideal Bedroom? How do you use color or material changes to make transitions from calm to happy to exciting feeling places?



Once you have thought about what you want to create, begin expressing yourself in the way you feel most comfortable. You could draw, write down ideas, make a collage or start directly by making a model.

Start your model using cardboard for the floor. The second thing you should make in your model is a representation of a person. It doesn't have to look like a person, but should be the size of a person. Glue it in as if he/she were standing. This will help you decide how big to make other objects like beds, tables, chairs, etc.

Use a hot glue gun to attach pieces together. You can use cardboard, colored paper, straws, wood stirrers, string, markers, color pencils or any of the other model making materials available.