Recycled Cityscape

Using recycled materials from home, work as a family or team to design and develop your own city and help it grow and expand - from town, to city, to metropolis!

Supplies Needed:
- Recycled materials such as: cardboard, tissue or food boxes, paper rolls, plastic yogurt or food containers, plastic or Styrofoam cups, paper, and plastic bottles
- Glue and tape
- Measuring stick or straight edge
- Scissors
- Markers and crayons

Questions to Consider:
- What is the name of your city?
- What different types of architecture designs can you implement into your city?
- What is the landscape of your city? Can you build a city set in a different time period?
- Does your city have parks and recreational areas?
- What sources of energy does your city use?
- Should you expand your city far and wide, or should you build your city tall and high?

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Step 1:
Use an old box and fold it out flat. This is the ground area to build off of for your city, take turns drawing lines all over the box. These lines will be the road and transportation infrastructure for your city.

Step 2:
Gather materials to create buildings and monuments. What about houses and apartment buildings? Don’t forget bridges, subways, and railroads. Consider the energy sources for your city. Where will people live, work, and play?

Step 3:
Use glue and tape and start constructing your city!

Step 4:
Cover your buildings with recycled papers. Use markers and crayons to draw windows and doors, or street signs and billboards, or any decorations and designs to make each building a unique work of architectural design!

Step 5:
Once your city starts to take shape, look at it from different angles. What does the skyline look like? Why not try drawing your city’s skyline and create a postcard from your city?

Show us your recycled cityscape! Message us a picture of your city, or a picture of your postcard!

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