

Imaginary Architecture

inspired by artist James Casebere

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

James Casebere is an artist who builds small sets of landscapes and buildings, then photographs them to make them feel like real places. His buildings are made out of simple shapes, and many of his sets and buildings he even floods with water.



MATERIALS:

old magazines or pictures of landscapes, thin cardboard, scissors, glue and marker.

You can also try:

Using cardboard and tape to build a 3-dimensional house, then take a photograph of it in an unusual setting.

View James Casebere's artwork at
www.jamescasebere.com/photographs

STEPS:

1. Go through magazines and cut out pictures of outdoor places. Try to find skies, trees, water, mountains, deserts. Helpful hint: If you don't have magazines to cut up, make several small drawings of landscapes you can color in and cut up.
2. Experiment with arranging your landscape pictures in different ways to create a brand new place, then glue them down into one big picture.
3. On your thin cardboard, draw buildings and houses using simple shapes. Use marker to add details such as windows and doors.
4. Cut out your buildings and glue them into your landscape! Have your buildings in the bottom of your landscape bigger than the ones closer to the top, this will help them seem like they are closer to you.



James Casebere, Blue House #2, 2018