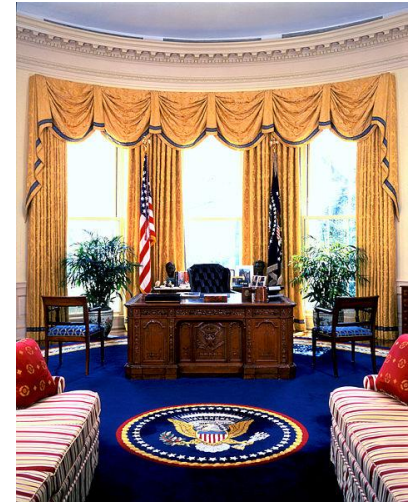


Anywhere Activity

Decorate Your Own Oval Office



The White House is not only the president's home and an office, but also a museum! In the White House Collection, there are hundreds of portraits, paintings, and historic objects that reflect the best of American art and decorative arts. There are many people who work at the White House to help take care of this important collection. The president's office is a room in the West Wing known as the **Oval Office**. Every president gets to decorate the room with items from the White House Collection. Learn more about the history of the Oval Office in [The President's Office Resource Packet](#). Imagine you have just been elected as President of the United States. You have moved into the White House and need to decorate the Oval Office.



Photograph of the Oval Office during the William J. Clinton administration (ca. 1995).

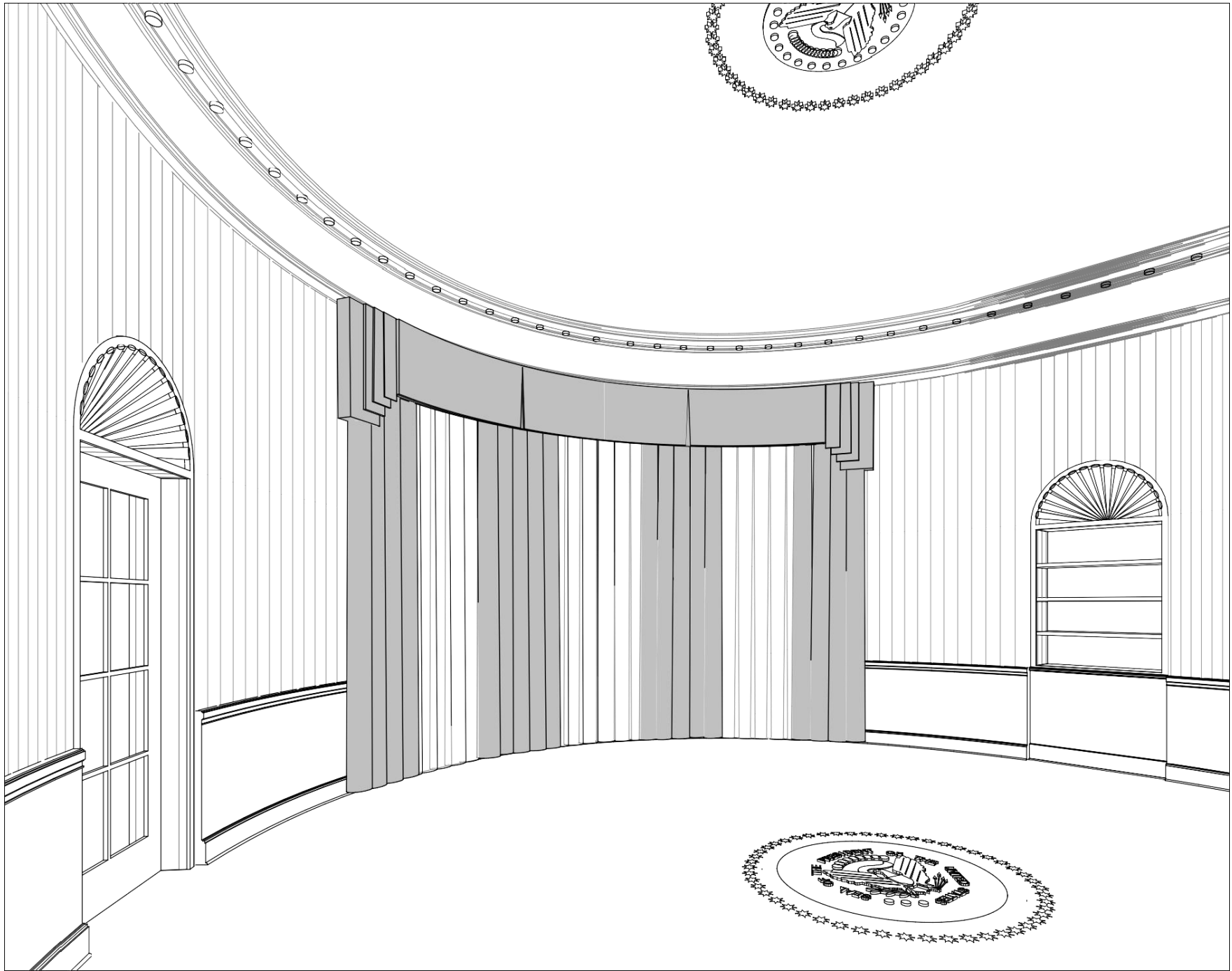
Instructions:

- On the next page you will find a blank Oval Office. Following that are pages of historic objects and artwork from the White House Collection.
- You can print all these pages to cut and paste. Or you can use Snipping Tool or Grab functions on your computer to insert the objects digitally into the Oval Office.
- You can also draw your own objects or use our free [Digital Library](#) for inspiration.
- Then finish decorating with markers, crayons, or your computer's paint tools.
- The final page of the Anywhere Activity contains an example Oval Office.



Photograph of the Oval Office during the Ronald Reagan administration (ca. 1983).

Share your finished designs with us at [@WhiteHouseHstry](#) or via email at education@whha.org





Official portrait of George Washington, painted by Gilbert Stuart in 1797



Official portrait of John F. Kennedy, painted by Aaron Shikler in 1970



Official portrait of Ronald Reagan, painted by Everett Raymond Kinstler in 1991



Official portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, painted by John Singer Sargent in 1903



Official portrait of William H. Taft, painted by Anders Leonard Zorn in 1911



Official portrait of Abraham Lincoln, painted by George Peter Alexander Healy in 1869



Official portrait of First Lady Dolley Madison, painted by Gilbert Stuart in 1804



Official portrait of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, painted by Douglas Chandor in 1949



Official portrait of First Lady Grace Coolidge, painted by Howard Chandler Christy in 1924



Official portrait of First Lady Hillary Clinton, painted by Simmie Knox, 2003



Official portrait of First Lady Nancy Reagan, painted by Aaron Shikler in 1987



Official portrait of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, painted by Aaron Shikler in 1970



U.S.S. Constitution,
Gordon Hope Grant, 1926



The Builders,
Jacob Lawrence, 1947



Burning of the White House
by British Soldiers in 1814, Tom Freeman, 2004



Resurrection,
Alma Thomas, 1966



Portrait of Amy (Carter) with a Dog,
painted by Magdalene Schummer, 1979



The Avenue in the Rain,
Frederick Childe Hassam, 1917



The Peacemakers,
George Alexander Healy, 1868



Brooklyn Bridge Winter,
Guy C. Wiggins, ca. 1920-1930



Liberty,
Constantino Brumidi, 1869



Portrait of Benjamin Franklin, painted by David Martin in 1767



Young Mother and Two Children, Mary Stevenson Cassat, 1908



Statuette of Andrew Jackson, 1855



Timmy (pet of President Coolidge), Laura Gardin Fraser, 1929



The Bronco Buster, Frederic Remington, 1895



Hiawatha's Boat (Centerpiece), made by Gorham Manufacturing Company, 1871



Descending Night, Adolph Weinman, ca. 1915-1923



Tall Case Clock, Federal Style, ca. 1800.



Lighthouse Clock with a portrait of the Marquis de Lafayette, ca. 1825



Gilded Bronze Mantel Clock, Deniere et Matelin, ca. 1817



Porcelain Bust of Thomas Jefferson, 1908



Porcelain Bust of Benjamin Franklin, 1905



The Buffalo Hunt, Theodore Baur, 1882-1886



Bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln, made by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, late 19th century



Rococo Revival Center Divan,
1859



Grecian Sofa, ca. 1810-1825.



Sofa and armchairs, made by
Pierre-Antoine Bellange, ca.
1817



Sofa, made by Pottier Stymus
Manufacturing Company,
1869



Scrolled-back Settee Sofa, ca.
1810



Mahogany Sofa, unknown date



George Washington
Armchair,
ca. 1793-1797



Mahogany
armchair, ca.
1817-1825



Mahogany and Tulip
Poplar Armchair,
ca. 1810-1820



Gilded Armchair,
made by Pierre-
Antoine Bellange,
ca. 1817



Swivel Chair, ca. 1866



American Empire
Side Chair,
unknown date



Mahogany Work
Table, 1814



Tambour Desk, ca.
1795-1810



Replica of desk on
which James Monroe
signed the Monroe
Doctrine in 1823



Mahogany Center
Table,
ca. 1817



Resolute Desk, 1880



The Flag of the President, 1945



Gilded Pier Table,
ca. 1818

MY FUTURE OVAL OFFICE (EXAMPLE)

