

## 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 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.

### Directions

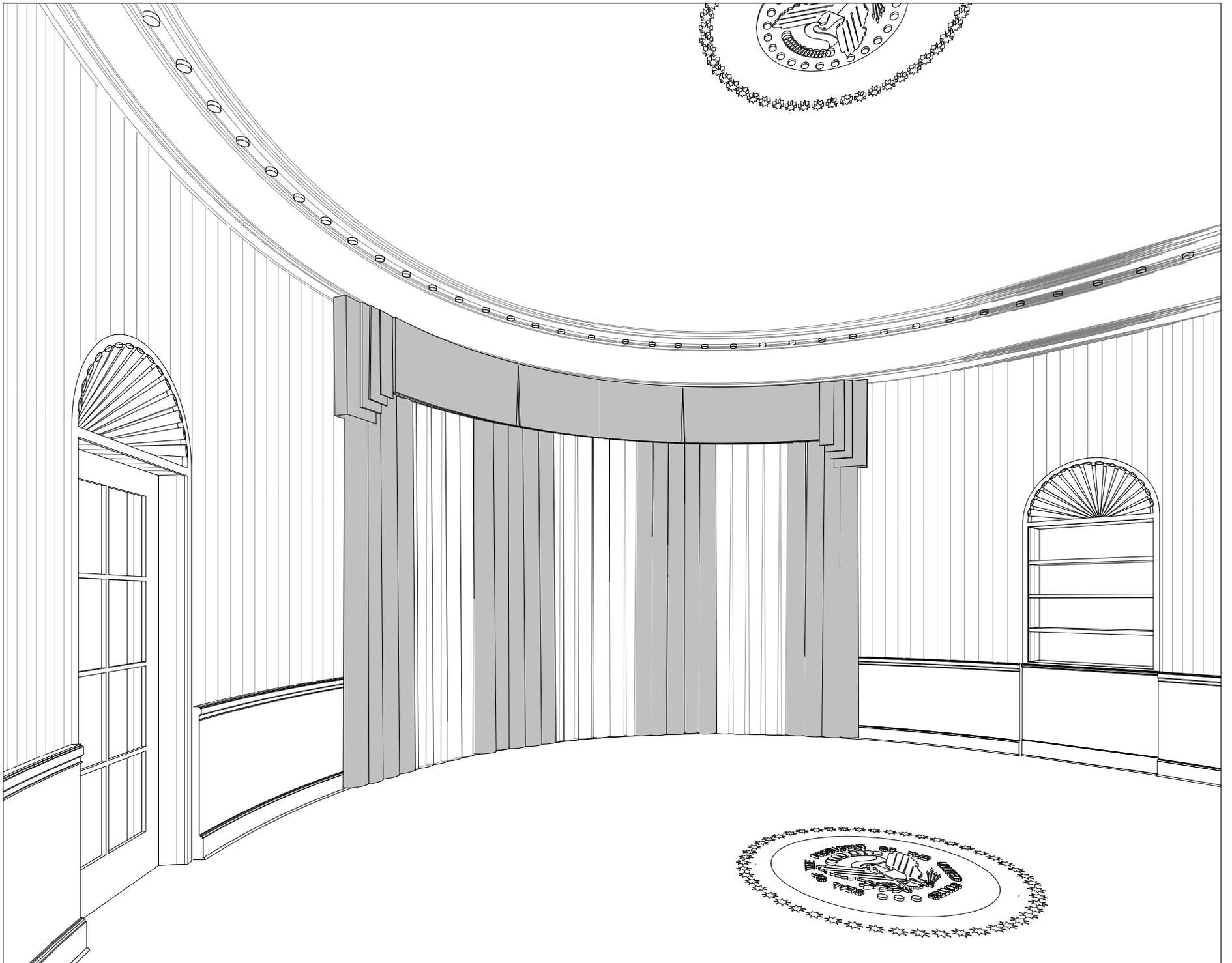
- On the next page you will find a blank Oval Office. Following that are pages of historic objects and artwork from the White House Collection.
- You can print all these pages to cut and paste. Or you can use Snipping Tool or Grab functions on your computer to insert the objects digitally into the Oval 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.



*Clinton Oval Office (c. 1995)*

*Reagan Oval Office (c. 1983)*

Final page of Anywhere Activity contains example Oval Office





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.  
1920-30



*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 19<sup>th</sup> 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)

