

CREATE YOUR OWN WHITE HOUSE CHINA

You are hosting at dinner at the White House.
Help design a new set of plates for this special event!



Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential China, 1963-69



Ronald Reagan Presidential China, 1981-89

You will need:

- Paper plate(s)
- Coloring supplies like crayons, markers, etc.
- Scissors (optional if you want a patterned edge)

When leaders from another country visit the White House, there is often a State Dinner with special guests, food, decorations, and entertainment. At a State Dinner, the table is set with special china dishes. The designs often include American symbols like the flag and eagle and tell American stories.

Now, imagine you are the president and preparing for a State Dinner. **Help design a new set of plates for this special event!** *Remember to be creative.*

Need Help- Ask Yourself These Starting Questions:

- What's your favorite color?
- Do you have a favorite animal or flower to draw in the center of the plate?
- Do you want the plate edges to be smooth or have a pattern?
- Do you want the design to be fancy or simple?

EXTRA: Once you are done with your plate, create a menu for what food you would serve.



Example Plate

Need more inspiration: check out [other plates from the White House china collection on our Digital Library](#) or read the [Resource Packet: White House China](#) to learn more.

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