

BUILD YOUR OWN PAPER BAG NEIGHBORHOOD



Lafayette Square has a long history and has seen many different buildings come and go. Some of the buildings currently in the neighborhood are the White House, Blair House, St. John's Church, and Decatur House. Architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe designed many of these buildings.

Now it's your turn to create the President's Neighborhood in Lafayette Park!

You will need:

- Paper bags
- Any scrap paper
- Construction paper
- Tape or Glue
- Scissors
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Stapler
- [The White House Neighborhood Resource Packet](#) for reference photos of buildings

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1. Fill your paper bag about halfway with crumpled up papers.



2. Fold the top edge of the bag over a few times and staple it closed.

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3. Take a piece of construction paper, and fold it in half, and staple it over the top of the bag to make a roof.

4. Use markers/crayons/colored pencils/construction paper to decorate your new house!



5. Your house is ready for the neighborhood!

6. Now repeat this process to build more houses from Lafayette Square.