

VISUAL ARTS

2RD & 3RD GRADE ACTIVITIES

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Introduction: **Sculptures** have been made for thousands of years. **Sculptures are three-dimensional (3-D) objects.** This means they have length, width and depth, rather than being flat like drawings. **Sculptures** can be carved out of wood or stone, or cast (molded) from metal. **Sculptures** can also be shaped from lots of other materials. Even flat paper can create 3-D sculptures!
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Materials : Room template or paper, scissors, drawing supplies.

Optional: Tape and a variety of paper for collage and construction.

Recycled objects such as small boxes and tubes for additional objects.
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MENTOR ARTIST VINCENT VAN GOGH

Vincent Van Gogh is a very famous, Dutch painter from long ago. He wrote letters to his brother saying that he tried to "bring life" into his paintings. Van Gogh lived in the city of Paris, but soon moved to the countryside of Arles. He hoped his home would be "the studio in the south" and that artists would come to visit and paint with him. His friend and fellow artist, Paul Gauguin was coming to visit. Van Gogh was excited. He hung his paintings on the walls so Gauguin could see what he had been doing. Van Gogh took great care in making a painting of his bedroom. He wanted the room to suggest sleep and "rest the brain". The furnishings are simple and the colors are exciting. When you create your room, what will you fill it with, what colors will you use?



Vincent Van Gogh, thirteen years old attended boarding school.



Van Gogh felt his room had a familiar and reassuring spirit. What feelings will your room have?

VOCABULARY

SCULPTURE



A three-dimensional artwork made from clay, wood, stone, metal, or other found materials.

BASE



The bottom part on which an object rests or is supported; delicate sculptures are often attached to a base to support them in position.

SCULPTOR



A person who creates artworks by modeling, carving, constructing, or assembling materials together.

FORM



An object you can see from many sides; it has three dimensions: length, width, and height.

CONSTRUCTION

Building using separate pieces of material to make a whole object.

ASSEMBLING

Joining together different parts to create a sculpture.

CREATING A 3-D ROOM SCULPTURE

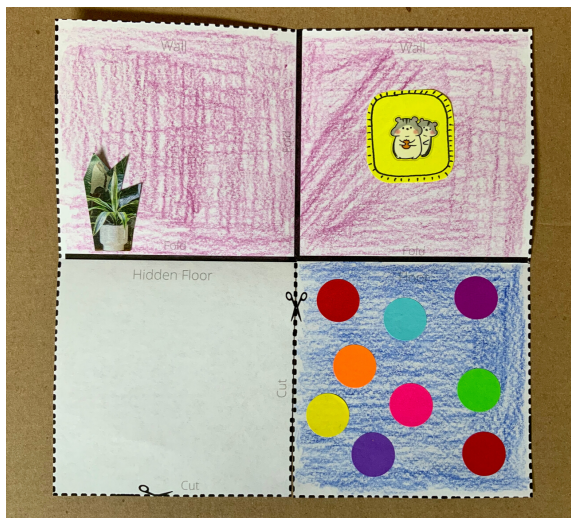
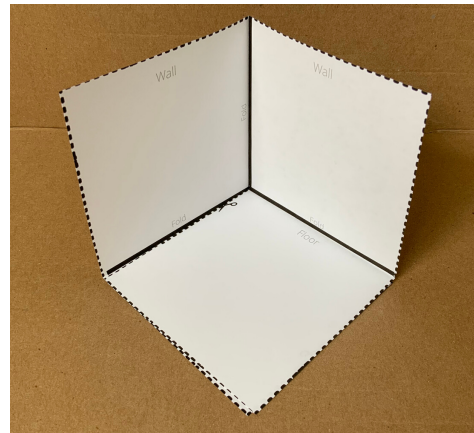
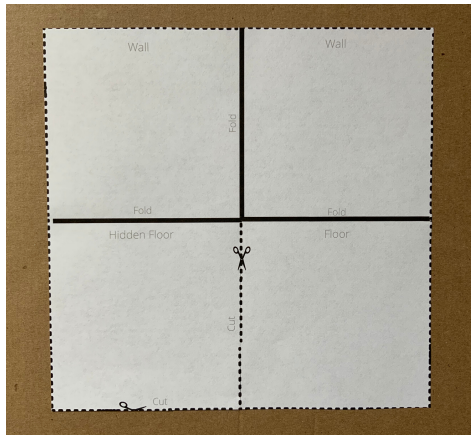
STEP 1

Look around your living space for favorite rooms to inspire your project. Consider what wall decorations, furniture and belongings you might include in your room.



STEP 2

Cut out and fold the 2 Walled Room template provided.



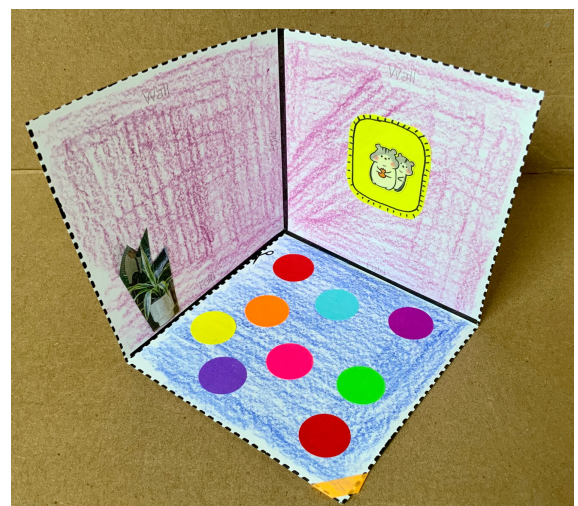
STEP 3

Design the flat surfaces of your room's walls and floors. Use color, texture, collage, paint, carpet, etc. to decorate your room. Think of this step as a first layer.

STEP 4

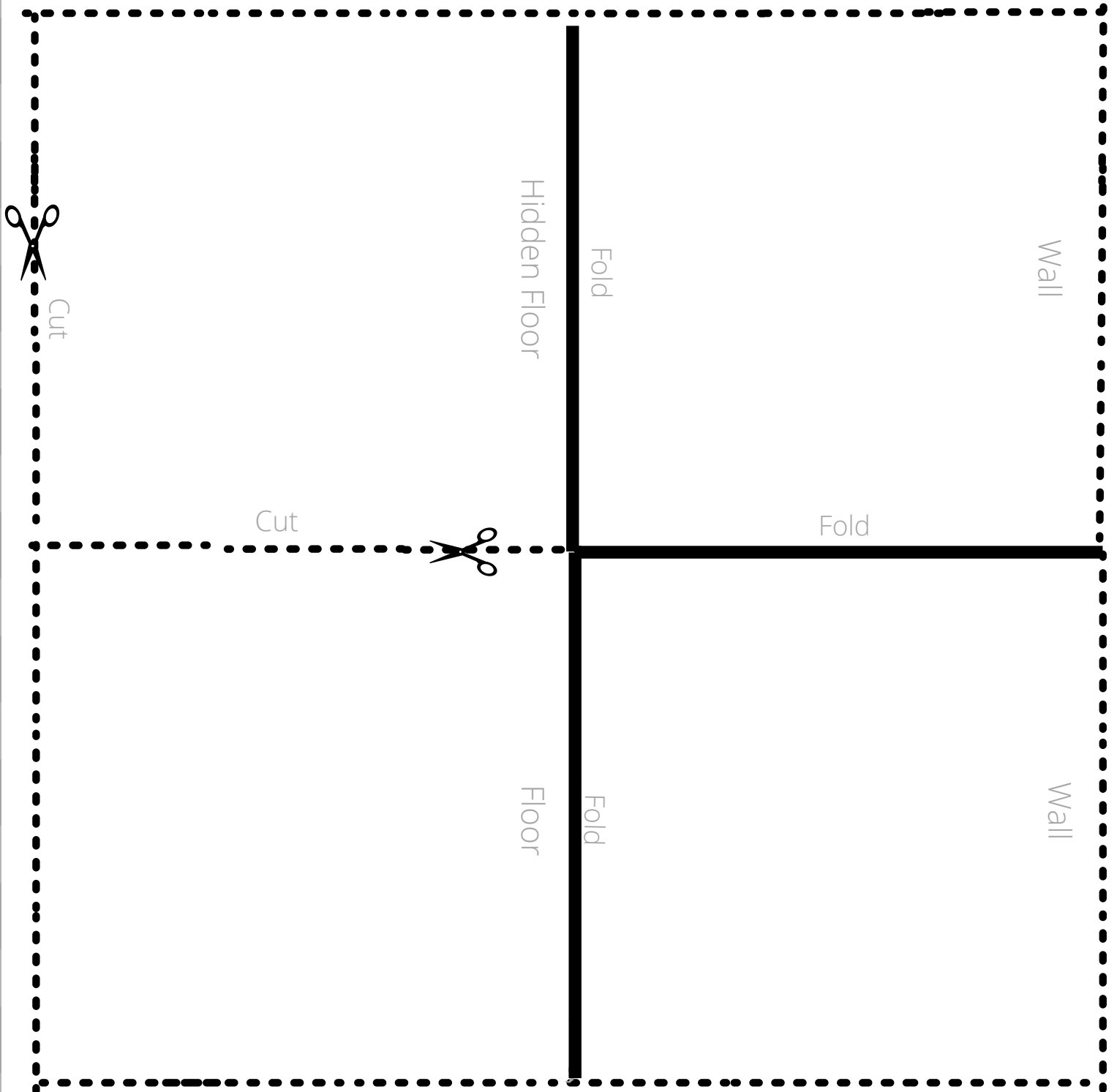
First, assemble the room as directed folding the extra floor squares under the exposed floor square and securing with tape.

Next, build small objects and furniture to fill your room following the same steps of folding, cutting and securing.



2 WALLED ROOM TEMPLATE

1. Cut out and fold paper as directed.
2. Fold and overlap floor pieces to build room.
3. Flatten template to design front side and reassemble when complete.

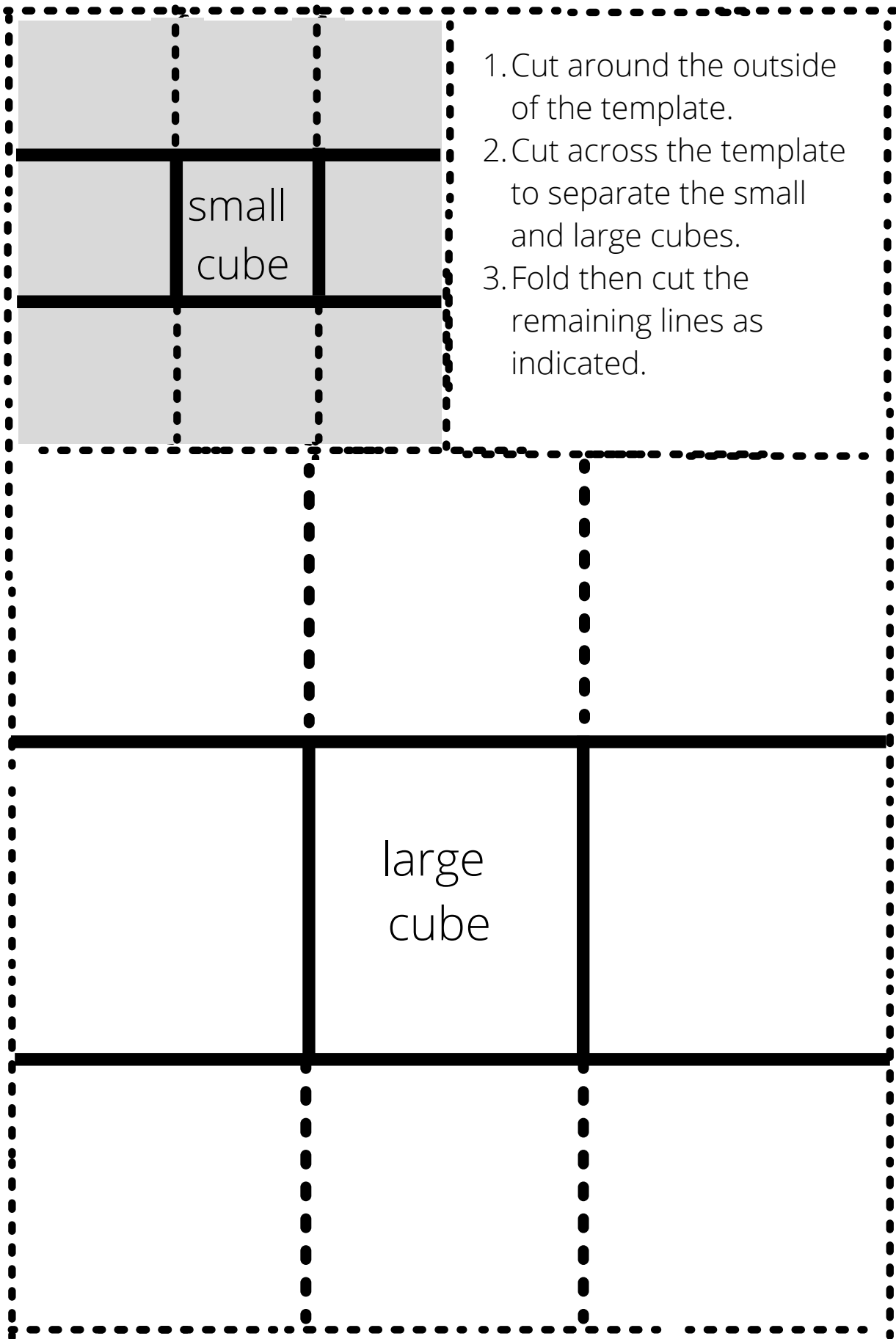


CUBE TEMPLATES FOR FURNITURE SCULPTURES



Cut Lines

Fold Lines



1. Cut around the outside of the template.
2. Cut across the template to separate the small and large cubes.
3. Fold then cut the remaining lines as indicated.

