

Pass out **12 x 18 inch white construction paper** to each student. Have students draw a straight line across their paper 1-3 inches from the bottom (this does not have to be parallel to the paper edge).

Then students should draw quadrilaterals anywhere above the line—this will be the rooftops of buildings. Students should draw about 7 quadrilaterals (rhombuses/parallelograms work best) on the paper — some higher and some lower to create depth.

Find the shape that is the closest to the bottom of the page and draw lines from the lowest corner to the bottom line (parallel to the side of the paper).

Draw additional lines down from the corners of the quadrilaterals, not crossing over the shape itself. Continue with the next lowest shape, stopping any lines before they cross another shape. Continue on until all buildings are created.

Have students color buildings with crayons, thinking first about where the sun would be in their picture and how that would affect the shadows on the buildings (sides facing the sun would appear lighter than sides in shadow).

Students can add details such as windows, roof gardens, cars and people on the street, etc.

The students can then outline the city with the fine tipped colored markers to give it a finished look.

MATERIALS:

- White construction paper (12 x 18)
- Crayons

