

James Castle House Lesson Plan: Design Your Own Art Studio

James Castle made art nearly every day of his life. He made most of his art in two special places that were on his family's property in Boise, the Shed and the Cozy Cottage Trailer.

These two small buildings were his studios. A studio is a special room for artists to make art. It is often filled with their favorite art supplies and tools to make their work! Sometimes artists share studios and sometimes they have a studio all to themselves!

James Castle had many shelves and cabinets in his studios. He kept many of his supplies, like soot, sticks, and paper, on his desk. He even pinned his own artwork and other pictures on the walls around him!

In this lesson plan, you will design your own dream art studio!

Materials

- "Design Your Own Art Studio" PDF print outs
- Favorite drawing tools
- Computer with Internet access (optional)

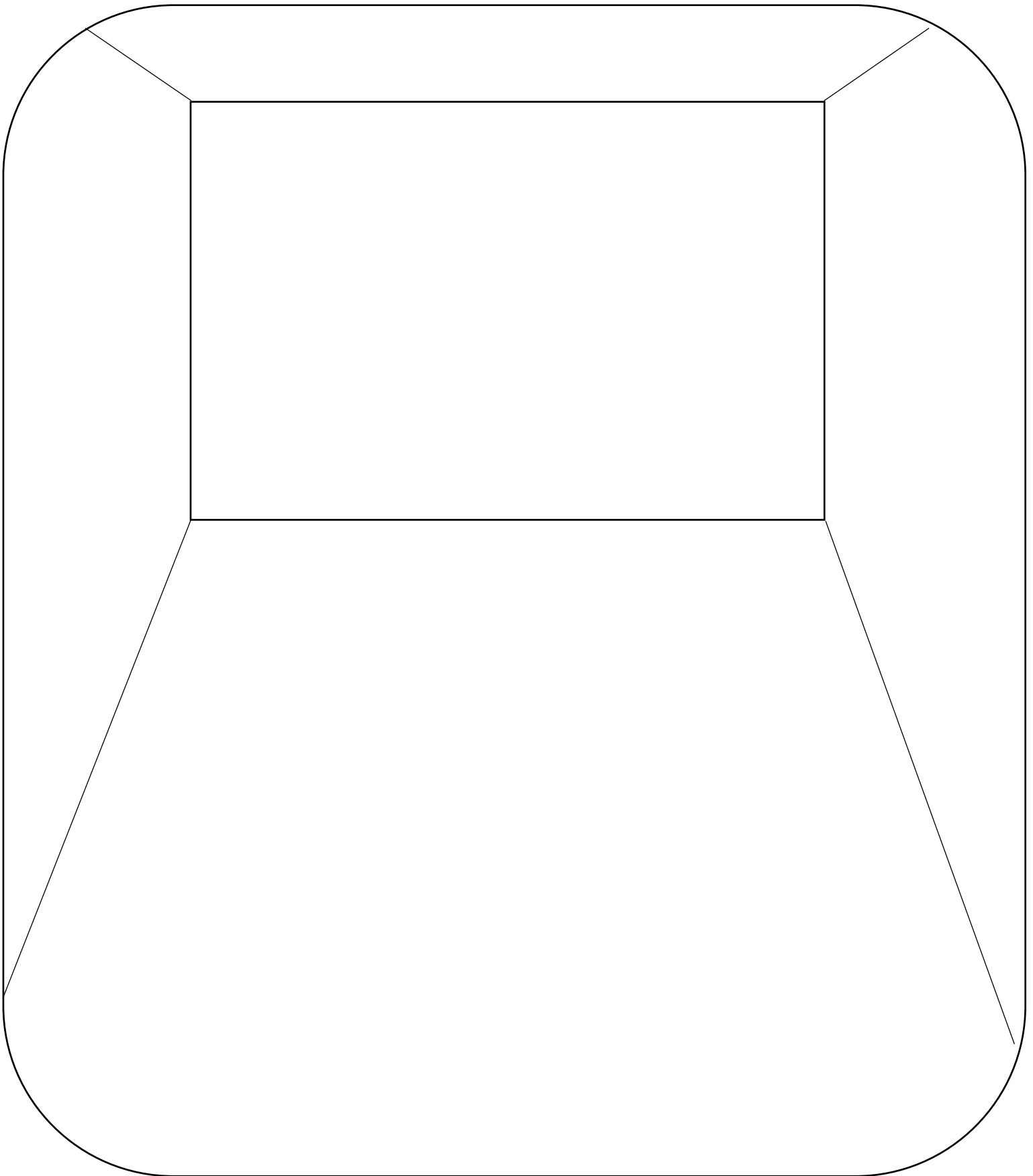
Activity

1. Print out the "Design Your Own Art Studio" pages below.
2. Brainstorm ideas for dream art studio.
 - What does your studio look like? Big windows? A comfy seat? A desk or table? Plants? Other artworks on the walls? Lots of shelves for your art supplies?
 - What sort of supplies would you want in your studio? Paints for painting? Clay for pottery? Wood for carving or building?
 - If you need some ideas, look up images of artists studios on the Internet! Each artists' studio is unique to them and there is no wrong way to design a creative space!
3. Start drawing out your dream studio! The PDF download will help you to get started: you can draw your studio as though you are standing in the doorway or from bird's-eye-view (as though you are above looking down) – or both!
4. Use your favorite drawing tools to draw your studio and add color if you wish.
5. Optional: Visit the jamescastlehouse.org and read more about James Castle's art studios, the Shed and Cozy Cottage Trailer.



Design Your Own Art Studio!

Use the space below to draw your own art studio.
Imagine looking into your studio from a doorway.



Design Your Own Art Studio!

Use the space below to draw your own art studio.
Imagine looking down at your studio as though you were on the ceiling.

