

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS

AROUND THE HOUSE

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To the Teacher

The purpose of this fun-to-use book is to provide students an opportunity to practice following instructions while learning directions (north, south, northeast, southeast, etc.) and position in space concepts (around, in front of, across, between, behind, etc.).

Since the tasks can be varied and are increasingly detailed, the book may be used with a range of ability levels.

Some of the skills addressed in this book include: comprehension, thinking, fine-motor, eye-hand, visual perception, and creativity, to name a few.

The book includes:

1. **FIVE DIFFERENT FLOOR PLANS:** living room, playroom, kitchen, bedroom, and entire house.
2. **FURNITURE PIECES FOR EACH ROOM.** It is important to note that the furniture pieces appear as if one is looking down on the room. A discussion of perspective may be necessary before students begin the tasks. An explanation of symbols used on the floor plans (doors, doorways, and windows) may be helpful, also.
3. **DIRECTION PAGES FOR EACH FLOOR PLAN.** Only by following all directions on a page (e.g., Living Room 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D) will the result be a completely furnished room.

— Suggestions for Use —

This book is easily adaptable to use as a learning center.

- **CUT AND PASTE.** Provide student with a copy of a blank room floor plan, furniture pieces for that room, and directions for furniture placement. Student reads each direction, then colors and cuts out each furniture piece (not necessary to make an exact cut around each furniture piece since the floor is white and excess paper will not show), applies paste, and places it in the correct location. It is very important to mention the necessity of "planning ahead," i.e., arrange all furniture pieces in the room first before applying paste.
- **DRAWING (instead of Cut and Paste).** Provide student with a copy of a blank room floor plan, furniture pieces, and directions. Student reads the directions, then draws the furniture in the correct locations in the room. Student then colors each piece per the directions.
- **PLACE AND MARK.** For those students who find drawing and cutting difficult, it is suggested that the teacher cut out the furniture pieces and provide a blank room floor plan. The student merely manipulates the pieces and could put a color mark near the furniture piece to indicate the correct color. The teacher could also cut out and laminate furniture pieces and floor plans.
- **BE CREATIVE.** Have students design their own plans. They will enjoy creating original furniture placements and color schemes. Have them then write directions to match the plans and exchange directions with other students.

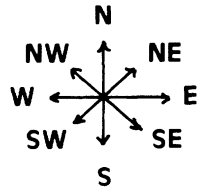
Create other room floor plans — family room, laundry room, garage, etc.

Enlarge the floor plans (draw on butcher paper) and furniture pieces (use enlargement capability of copy machine) for those students who find manipulating the small pieces difficult.

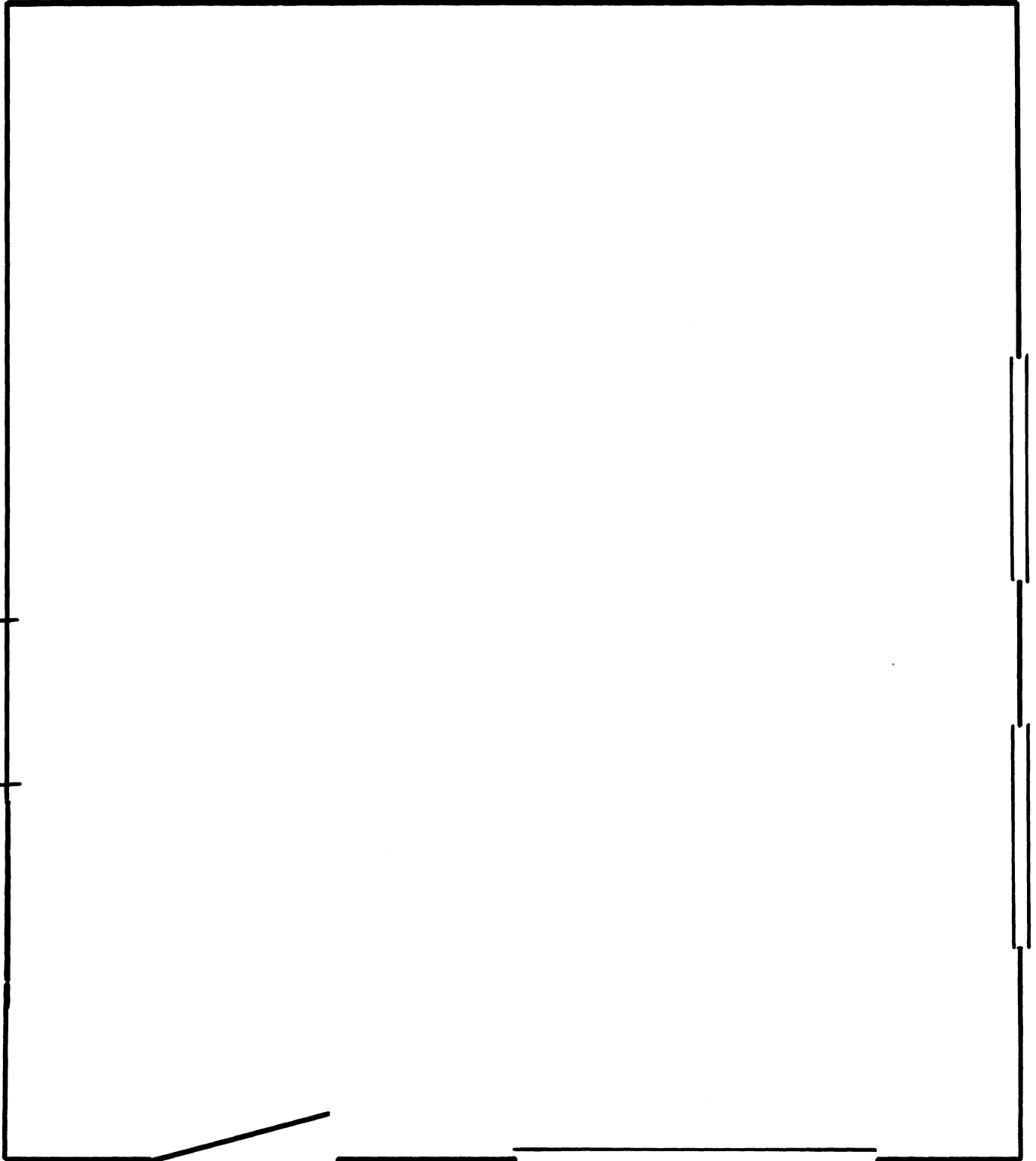
Read the directions for placing the furniture to the students. Use as a listening-for-directions activity.

USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND INVENT STILL MORE USES FOR THIS NOVEL BOOK!

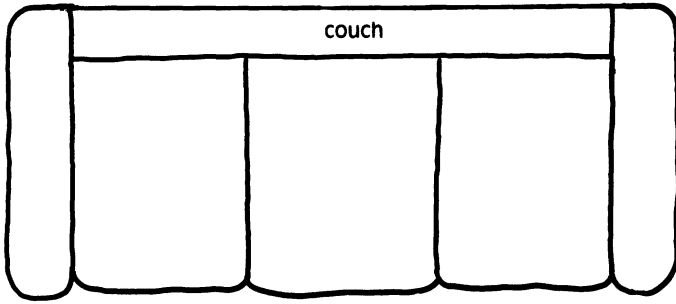
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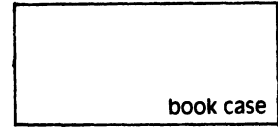
Living Room Floor Plan



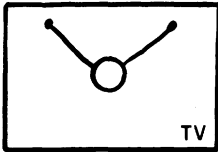
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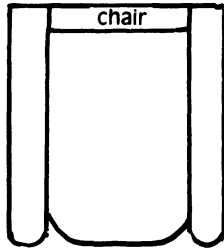
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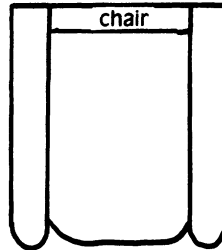
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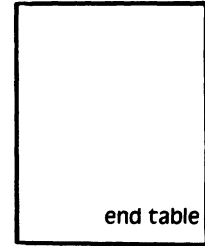
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chair



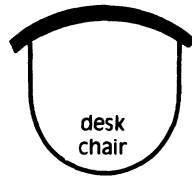
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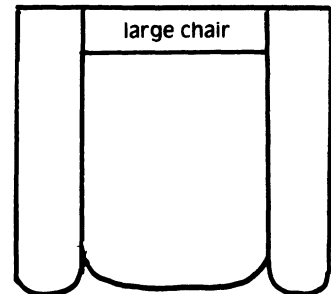
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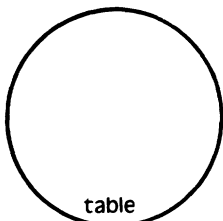
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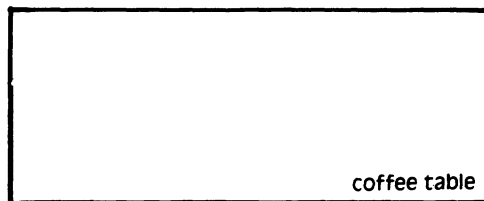
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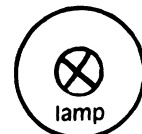
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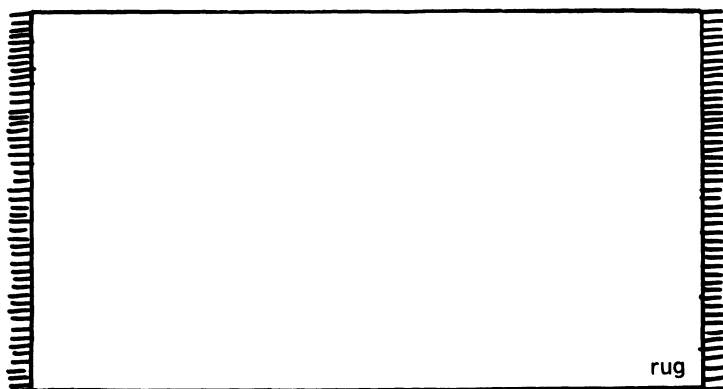
table



coffee table



lamp



rug

Living Room

Living Room 1A

1. Put a couch on the north wall.
2. Color the couch red.
3. Put a coffee table in front of the couch.
4. Color the coffee table brown.

Living Room 1B

1. Put the large chair north of the doorway on the west wall.
2. Color the large chair blue and yellow.
3. Put the round table next to the large chair.
4. Color the round table brown.

Living Room 1C

1. Put a rug in the middle of the room.
2. Draw a large square in the center of the rug.
3. Draw a stripe on each end of the rug.
4. Color the rug red, yellow, and blue.

Living Room 1D

1. Put the TV between the windows on the east wall.
2. Color the TV yellow.
3. Put the bookcase in front of the south window.
4. Color the bookcase purple.

Living Room

Living Room 2A

1. Put a couch in front of the windows on the east wall.
2. Color the couch blue.
3. Put a rug in front of the couch.
4. Color the rug red with blue fringe.
5. Put a coffee table on the rug.
6. Color the coffee table blue.

Living Room 2B

1. Put a small chair on the north wall.
2. Color the chair red.
3. Put a lamp just west of the small chair.
4. Color the lamp yellow.
5. Put a second small chair west of the lamp.
6. Color the chair green.

Living Room 2C

1. Put a round table in the northeast corner.
2. Draw a book on the round table.
3. Color the book brown.
4. Color the table red.
5. Put a desk in the southwest corner.
6. Color the desk yellow.

Living Room 2D

1. Put a TV on the south wall.
2. Color the TV brown.
3. Put a desk chair near the TV.
4. Color the chair green.
5. Put a large chair on the west wall.
6. Color the chair blue with green stripes.

Living Room 3A

1. Put a rug in the middle of the room.
 2. Draw a large circle in each corner of the rug.
 3. Draw a large triangle in the middle of the rug.
 4. Color the rug blue, green, and yellow with red fringe.
 5. Put a TV on the north wall near the northeast corner.
 6. Color the TV brown with a black antenna.
 7. Put a large chair in the northwest corner.
 8. Color the chair red and yellow.
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Living Room 3B

1. Put an end table just north of the doorway on the west wall.
 2. Draw a book on the end table.
 3. Color the book blue.
 4. Color the end table brown.
 5. Put a small chair just south of the doorway on the west wall.
 6. Color the chair green.
 7. Put a lamp in the southeast corner of the room.
 8. Color the lamp pink.
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Living Room 3C

1. Put a couch on the south wall.
 2. Draw a pillow on the couch.
 3. Color the pillow green.
 4. Color the couch blue.
 5. Put a coffee table in front of the couch.
 6. Color the coffee table purple.
 7. Put a desk in front of a window on the east wall.
 8. Color the desk orange.
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