



Imperial Hotel Plates

FOR AGES: 6-12

MATERIALS: Paper plate, construction paper, and a glue stick.



Photo by Joshua White

Frank Lloyd Wright not only designed houses and other larger buildings, but he also designed furniture, carpets, and even plates. While he was building Hollyhock House in Los Angeles, California, Frank Lloyd Wright was also hard at work on the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, Japan.

In the Hollyhock House kitchen, we have a set of the original plates Frank Lloyd Wright designed for the Imperial Hotel (pictured above left). There are many similar design features used at the Imperial Hotel and Hollyhock House. For example, look at the concrete artwork above the fireplace at Hollyhock House (pictured above right). What similar features do the plate and the concrete artwork share?

Use the Imperial Hotel dinner plates as inspiration to create your own unique plate design. Cut out similar shapes or create your own shapes with colored construction paper. Arrange your shapes into a thoughtful composition and then glue them down to the paper plate.