



4-H Housing Project Book



Unit III



This Book Belongs To:

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ Number of Years in 4-H _____

County _____

Name of 4-H Club _____

Number of Years in Home Environment Project _____

Grade in School _____



Introduction

Expand Your Horizons

The avenue of housing options has not reached a dead end. There are yet more things to discover. Units I and II of “Finding Your Own Place” explored available housing types and what to consider when choosing a home. We will now look at some other areas that help make the avenue of housing so exciting. Awake to new experiences while searching the “whats” and the “whos” that make housing what it is today and what it will be tomorrow.

Complete Units I and II of “Finding Your Own Place” before starting Unit III. You will need the information from those units to help you complete this unit.

What is your main objective?

Objectives

After you complete Finding Your Own Place, Units I, II, and III, you will be able to do the following.

- Expand your housing vocabulary.
- Understand the need for housing and how housing meets the needs of family members.
- Recognize factors that affect housing selection.
- Identify housing that will fulfill your future needs and wants.
- Experience satisfaction from a home that expresses personal creativity and family life-style.
- Learn how to choose an energy efficient home.
- Learn how to locate sources of housing information and how to use these resources.
- Share what has been learned with others.
- Develop leadership ability, build character, and assume citizenship responsibility.
- Explore careers that are available in housing.



Expand Your Horizons

Do at least one activity from each exploration group. Share what you learn with others. Attach work completed in each group to the project book.

Group I

Seek and Ye Shall Find. Read or research libraries, counselors, city/county officials, Extension office for answers.

- Are there any variations in cost of a custom-built house and one built by a stock plan? If so, what and why?
- What types of housing insurance are available? What influences the choice?
- What kind of scholarships, loans or grants are available for studies leading towards careers in housing?
- What role does the Extension service play in having quality homes?
- What is a VA loan? Who's eligible for it?
- What is a home energy audit?
- Choose a housing related job or career and find out what the qualifications and job responsibilities are.
- What are the different forms of insulation and where are they used in the house?
- Plan and perform your own exploration with the approval of your project leader.

Group II

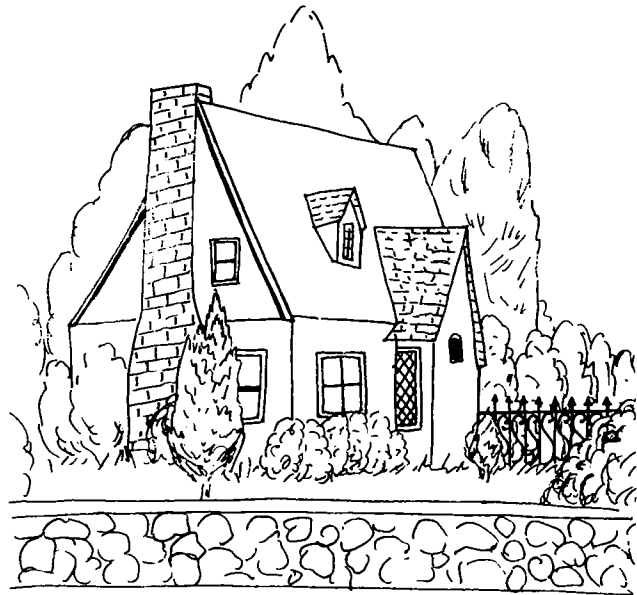
Is It For You? Conduct an interview. Find out the nature of his or her job, qualifications necessary, compensations, average working hours, education needed and any other requirements.

- Home Builder
- Bank Manager
- Manager of Apartment Complex
- Real Estate Agent
- City Manager for Utilities
- Interior Decorator
- Furniture Dealer
- Building Inspector
- Moving Company Representative
- Plan and perform your own exploration with the approval of your project leader.

Group III

On Your Own. Find out what it takes to make it on your own in your area.

- Utilities Company—ask about new service requirements, deposit/refund, late bill payment, reporting trouble, discontinuing services, and rates.
- Telephone Company—ask about new service requirements, deposit/refund, late bill payment, reporting trouble and discontinuing services.
- Transit Authority—obtain transit schedule and routes. Chart out how you could use it for shopping, school, and work from your home.
- Code Enforcement Office—ask about housing regulations for single and multi-dwellings and the penalty for violations.
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Tips for the Interview

1. Make an appointment first.
2. Prepare questions ahead of time.
3. Introduce yourself—give your name, who you represent and why you are there.
4. Be courteous, considerate and confident.
5. Close the interview with thanks.

Group IV

Energy Wise. Of the following, tell its method of use and/or available types for energy efficiency.

- Insulation
- Weather Stripping
- Window Treatment
- Lighting
- Electric Fans
- Plan and perform your own exploration with the approval of your project leader.

Group V

Ask and It Shall Be Given. Find out what services are offered and how to get them.

- Home Builders Association, Inc.
- Housing Authority
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA)
- Federal Housing Administration (FHA)
- Plan and perform your own exploration with the approval of your project leader.

Group VI

Take A Trip. Make a visit and find the answers to the questions and more.

- Retirement Home—services offered and qualifications for living there.
- Home for Sale—what makes it historical?
- YMCA or YWCA—services offered and qualifications for participating.
- New Home Construction Site—what jobs or trades do you see? Is there a supervisor? What does he/she do?
- Employment Agency—what housing related careers do they offer? Which seem to be the best for advancement?
- Real Estate Agency—which type homes are the best sellers? Why? What has been the downfall of other types?
- Architect—what are the newest housing trends? What are some housing trends that have failed?

Are there any that are always popular?

- Manufactured Homes Factory—how are precut, panelized, modular and mobile home designs made? What other services are offered?
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Expand Your Horizons

Your 4-H Leader has a list of publications that might help in your search for housing that is right for you. Check with your Leader.



Summary

What was your main objective? _____

What did you learn? List new things. _____

How did you share what you learned? _____

Write a story about your explorations and list the sources of information used for completing the activity selected in each group.

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