Chapter 6
PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER
1. BUILD A MODEL!

First, paint the edges, districts, public spaces, and transportation network. Then you can build your landmarks and the buildings you will need to fill in each district (schools, houses, stores...). The next few pages explain different ways to build models.
**Option A: BOX CITY: A MODEL MADE FROM RECYCLABLES**

This method is great if you have a lot of space or want to build a model city as a group project. Use recyclables such as cereal boxes and paper towel tubes to construct a model of your city. Many food boxes have a wax coating that cannot be painted (the paint peels), so it is best to cover the surfaces with colored construction paper facades.

Church models by Alejandra
Option B: **MAKE YOUR OWN SOLID SHAPES!**

Another option is to make your own solid shapes from cardstock. You can easily make your own rectangular solids, cubes, cones, pyramids, and cylinders.

*Red Tower* by Mario

By Silvia
Pattern to make a cube: When you fold the lines this pattern forms a cube. You can find patterns ("nets") in the geometry section of your math book or on the Internet to make other solid shapes such as rectangular prisms, pyramids, cylinders, and cones.
Option C: **POP-UP CITY: A MODEL MADE OF PAPER**

This method is great for small models and is easy to do on your own without any help. All you need is a piece of cardboard for a base and card stock for your buildings.

1. Draw or paint your edges, districts, public spaces, and transportation network on the cardboard base.

2. Draw your landmarks and other buildings on the card stock. Be sure to leave a tab at the bottom to fold and glue to the cardboard base.
2. WRITE ABOUT IT!

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Fold a piece of paper into three sections. Try to convince tourists to come to your city. Describe its attributes in words, illustrations, and maps.

LETTER TO COMMUNITY LEADERS
Write a letter to local leaders (such as the mayor, city council members, and planning commissioners) describing your ideas for green cities that are kid-friendly. Enclose a copy of the city plan you developed.

INFORMATIVE REPORT
You already have most of the report finished if you did the language arts extensions for edges, districts, public spaces, landmarks, and transportation.

Add an introductory paragraph that gives an overview of the project (our sprawling cities are causing problems that you attempted to solve by designing a green, kid-friendly city).

Add a concluding paragraph that convinces the reader that your ideas are worthwhile (sum up important ideas using strong adjectives).
3. PLAN AN EXHIBITION!

Hold a community event. Invite other classes, your parents, and local leaders to see your model and hear you present your report!