

ARTIST: ANTONI GAUDI

**Spanish Architect/Artist Antoni Gaudi:
June 1852 – 10 June 1926**

Antoni Gaudi lived over 100 years ago.
He loved Architecture and Nature ...
and color!

He built many buildings, but he also
built many gardens as well. His most
famous building looked like a forest
inside, with the columns looking like
tree trunks.

(Grades 3-5 Video)

<https://youtu.be/DkJLbCCI6Zs>





Raise your hand to describe what you see.

Have you ever seen one of these before?



This tree house appears to have been built by kids.

It might have been built with scrap materials from an old building and attached to the side of a tree.



This tree house was designed and built by a grown up architect.



While some tree houses are built as play spaces for kids, some are built as real homes in which people can live.



Architects often make models of buildings before they actually build the full sized ones. This model might have been used to help figure out how to hang the house in the tree.



What is unusual about this tree house?



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Today you are going to design your own special tree house.

Think about what special rooms or features you would like to include.



How would someone get up in the house? Would they use stairs? A rope? An elevator? A ladder? Will you invent a new way?



Will your tree house have many rooms or just one?

Will there be areas in the tree in which you can play?
Sleep? Cook?



Who will
use your
tree house?

Will it be
for kids or a
family?

Will it be a
playhouse,
a clubhouse
or a home?



Will you
create a
fantasy tree
house? A
castle? A club
house? A
fort?



Will your house be the shape of a regular house or something else?

This student's tree house is an airplane hung in a tree.

They drew an X-ray view so we can see inside all the rooms.



This student's tree house was designed for the inside of a tree.

They colored the windows yellow so that it looks as though there are lights on inside.

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We are going to be ARCHITECTS!
Our building will be sturdy – and colorful – but also
have a lot of ideas from Nature!

Close your eyes and IMAGINE your....
DREAM “QUARANTINE” TREEHOUSE!

If you HAD to stay in your Treehouse for a long period
of time, what would it be like? Start an IDEA BOARD. If
you can DREAM it, you can BUILD it!!

- What kind of TREE is it?
- How Big?
- What colors will you use?
- How many rooms will it have?
- What will be inside those rooms?
- How will you get UP the tree – stairs? ladder? elevator?
bird? A Brontosaurus?
- What will you add? A puppy cuddling room? A magical
library? Your favorite restaurant?
- What do you need to stay safe in Quarantine?
- Don't forget the essentials - a bedroom? A bathroom?
Windows?



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Remember, NATURE
has lots of color,
and GAUDI loved
COLOR!

So add a LOT of different colors to
your Dream Treehouse!

Start with the BIGGEST piece of
paper you can find.

A nice technique with color pencils
is to outline your subject in dark
pencil, and lightly shade the inside
the same color.

And most important

HAVE FUN!!
And use your
IMAGINATION



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