

# Unit 06: Putting it Together - Creating Entire Floor Plans

Content Area: **Technology**  
Course(s): **Architecture**  
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## **Enduring Understandings**

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1. House design is driven by client needs and specifications, building codes, structural considerations, efficiency, and environmental factors.
2. Bedrooms are often grouped together to create a “quiet” area of the house.
3. Roughly one third of its total square footage should be dedicated to the sleeping, living, and service areas of a house.
4. The design of the roof should be considered when laying out the floor plan.

## **Essential Questions**

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1. How are plumbing, electrical, and structural materials incorporated into a working set of drawings?
2. How can closets be used to create soundproofing?
3. Where should the kitchen be located in a house?
4. What is efficient floor plan design?
5. What are important aspects to consider when designing multi-story houses?
6. What questions do architects ask clients before they design a floor plan?

## **Content**

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### Vocabulary:

maximum joist span, bubble plan, client, square footage, design process, footprint, symmetry, balance

## **Skills**

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1. Create a “bubble plan” for the various rooms of a house.
2. Create brainstorming sketches of individual room floor plans, elevations and roof plans.
3. Apply the design process in the creation of a floor plan for a two-story house that fulfills client needs.
4. Analyze a designed floor plan to ensure client needs are met, efficient use of space and ease of construction.
5. Apply design changes to rough draft of floor plan.

## **Resources**

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11x17 Paper / Drawing Boards / T Square / Pencil / Erasers / Rendering Markers

## **Standards**

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**NJ: Grade 9 - 12**

**9.3 CTE: B. Architecture & Construction Career Cluster**

**Academic Foundations:**

9.3.12.AC-DES.5 Identify the diversity of needs, values and social patterns in project design, including accessibility standards.

**Communication Skills:**

9.3.12.AC-DES.6 Apply the techniques and skills of modern drafting, design, engineering and construction to projects.

9.3.12.AC-DES.7 Employ appropriate representational media to communicate concepts and project design.

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**Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking:**

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