

Little Red  
Reading House



by Calgary Reads

# Reading Place Playbook

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WARNING!

You are entering  
a KIDS ONLY  
Zone. Adults' minds  
may explode from  
the sheer awesomeness  
of their kids' imagination!

**How to use this playbook:**

Grab a couple crayons or markers, your favorite books, a light and a basket, and let's make a reading place! Fill this workbook with your craziest ideas and designs, and use it as inspiration for building your very own reading place at home!

# The big book count

Before we start making a reading place, let's get up and get our minds thinking about books and reading!



1

Count the number of **BOOKS** in your house:

2

How many of the books you counted are **CHILDREN'S** books?

3

How many different **ROOMS** in your house contain at least one book?

4

Which room in your house has the **MOST** books?

5

Grab some of your **FAVOURITE** books, and bring them with you to start onto the next page!



**Reading places can have themes**



**Reading places can have artwork and nature**



**Reading places can be hard**



**Reading places can be soft**

Draw or write about your  
**FAVOURITE** parts from  
your favourite books!



A large, empty rectangular area with a black outline, intended for drawing or writing about favourite parts from books.

**Write or draw in the boxes below:**

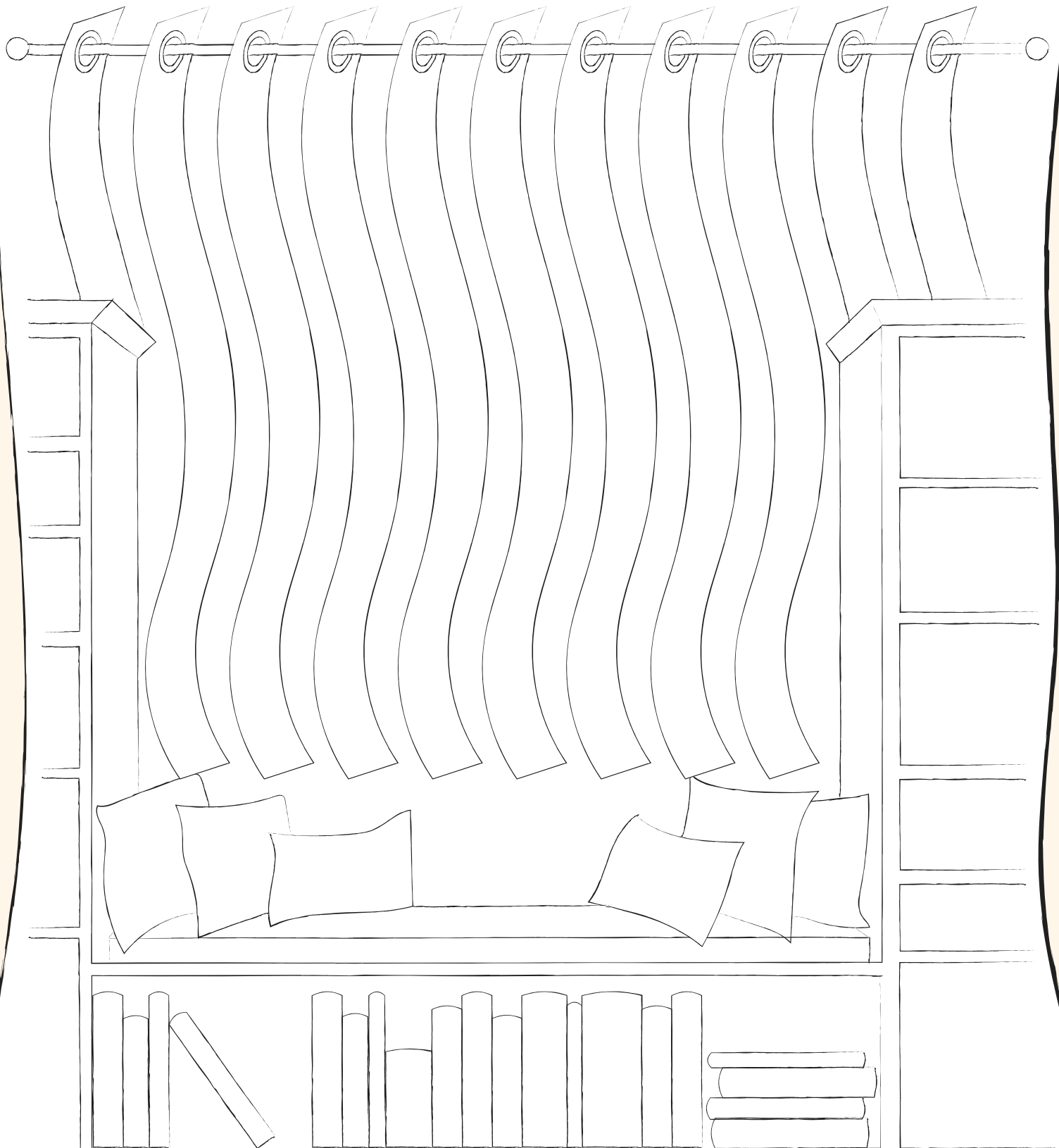
**WHO** do you like to read with?



**WHAT** do you like to read?

**WHEN** do you like to read?

**STOP** for a creative break! We love to use colourful ribbons in our reading places. Design this reading place with your favourite colours and designs.





**Reading places can be for any age**



**Reading places can have hidden characters**



**Reading places can be anywhere (this one is in a bathroom!)**



**"a Reading places can have big fun wonders!"**



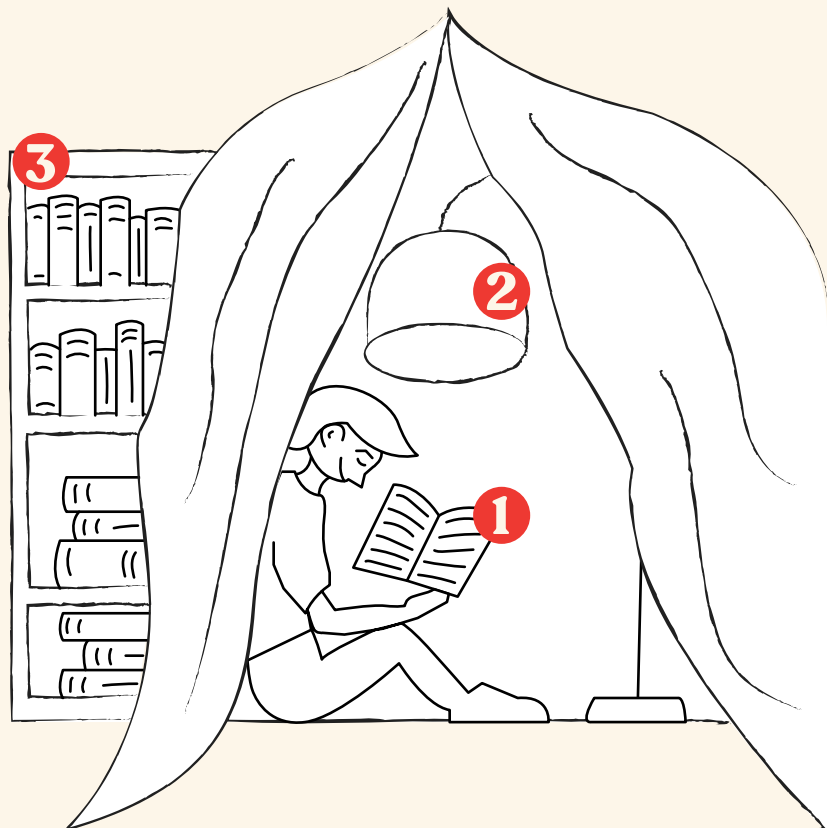
# What are we making?

A reading place is anywhere that makes reading **FUN!**

Reading places can have whatever you want in them, but they have three main **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 Books**
- 2 Book Lighting**
- 3 Book Storage**

Once you have those 3 ingredients, the **SKY IS THE LIMIT!**



Want **MORE IDEAS?** Your reading place could also include:

- 4 Reading seats**  
(like a sofa or a chair)



- 7 Reading nooks**  
(like a tent or a fort)



- 5 Words as decoration**  
(like your favourite quotes)



- 8 Themes & characters**  
(like the Giving Tree or the Lorax)

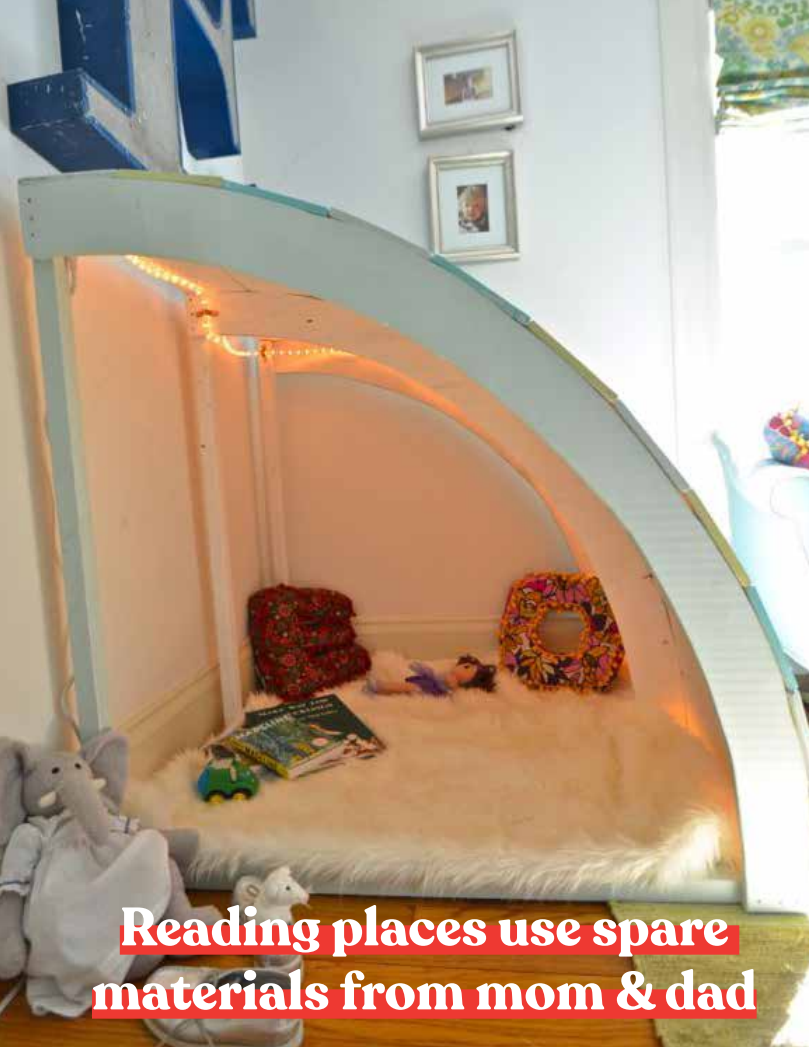


- 6 Reading tools**  
(like a book mark, or reading glasses)

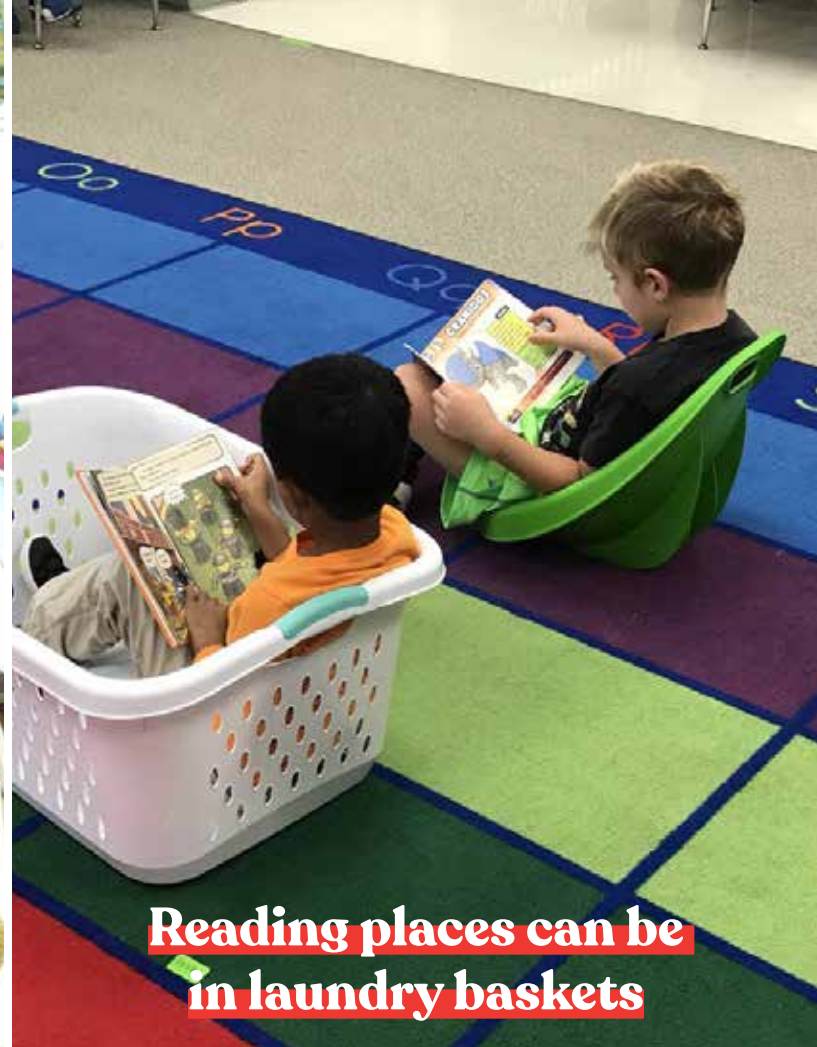


- 9 Art & illustrations**  
(artwork that you or others make)





**Reading places use spare materials from mom & dad**



**Reading places can be in laundry baskets**



**Reading places can be made from curtains and a hula hoop**



**Reading places can be in old furniture**

# Go build it!

A step-by-step guide to building your own reading place.



**1** Find a **PLACE**



**2** Brainstorm & **SKETCH:**

**3** Propose your **DESIGN** idea to your parents



**4** Get your **INGREDIENTS**

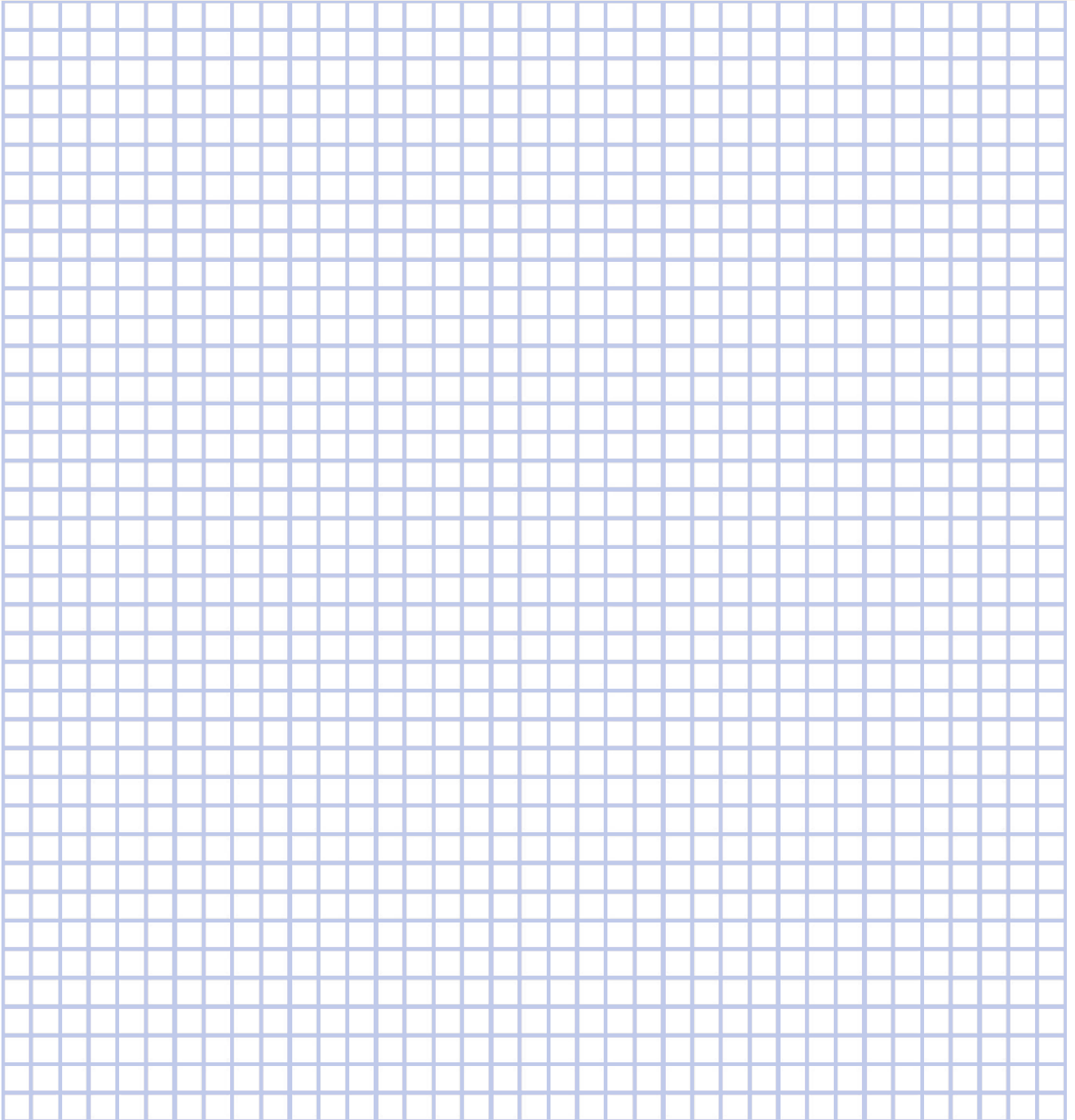


**5** Start **BUILDING!**

**DON'T FORGET:** the best reading places are the ones that grow and change with you! They don't need to be perfect, and we can improve them later.

**Draw a blueprint to design your dream reading place at home (this is optional).**

**Think about your favourite parts of your favourite books, and who, when, what and **WHERE** you like to read.**



# Time to observe!



Draw or write what you like & don't like in the boxes below:

What do you **like** about how your reading place **looks**?

What do you **not like** about how your reading place **sounds**?

A large, empty rectangular box with a hand-drawn black border, intended for a student to draw or write their observations about how their reading place looks.A large, empty rectangular box with a hand-drawn black border, intended for a student to draw or write their observations about how their reading place sounds.

What do you **like** about how your reading place **feels**?

What do you **not like** about how your reading place **smells**?

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# Reading place checklist

Okay, so now that you've built a reading place, let's check that it has the three main **INGREDIENTS**.

Put a check-mark in the box if it has:



**Books**



**Book Storage**



**Book Lighting**

If it has all three,  
you've made a  
reading place!  
**Congratulations!**  
Now it's time  
to share it with  
our family!



Try reading in  
your reading  
place **with**  
**a family**  
**member.**



Tell someone else  
a story about  
your **favourite**  
**parts** of your  
reading place.



**Brainstorm** with  
others what  
else you could  
add to your  
reading place.

# Show us your place

Think your reading place has it all?  
Submit a photo of your reading place to  
[hello@littleredreading.house](mailto:hello@littleredreading.house) or using the  
hashtag [#myreadingplace](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/myreadingplace) and be showcased  
on the Calgary Reads Instagram Page!

Let others see and be inspired by your amazing  
creation! Plus, if you submit a photo and your  
workbook, you'll get a **chance to win** a bag of  
books from the Little Red Reading House!



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in so many wonderful ways.**