

Make a Brooklyn Business

Use recycled materials to create a storefront model of a shop that is meaningful to you!

BCM's World Brooklyn exhibit is based on real stores in the city. Stores highlight the amazing cultures and communities that call Brooklyn home! What's your favorite store in the neighborhood?

Materials

- Shoebox or cardboard box
- Scissors
- Plastic bottles
- Tape or glue
- Colored construction paper
- Collage material—magazines, menus, etc.
- Markers or crayons

Instructions

1. Choose your store! Find a photo of it online or sketch an image on paper from memory.
2. Paste on the door, windows, awning, and any decorations to the bottom of your box. This will be the front of your store.
3. Turn the box over to work on the inside of the store model.
4. Experiment with different materials and textures to bring alive your interior-design skills!
5. Use collage to decorate the walls of your store.
6. Try folding paper to make aisles or shelves.
7. Tape and glue objects and images to the store's floor, walls, and ceiling.
8. Open your store for business!

Go Further

Why did you choose the store that you made? Stores are a reflection of communities—who lives there, what they like and value, and what they use every day.

How does your store tell a story about you?

Share a photo of your storefront! Tag us on Instagram @bcmkids #bcmandyou

