

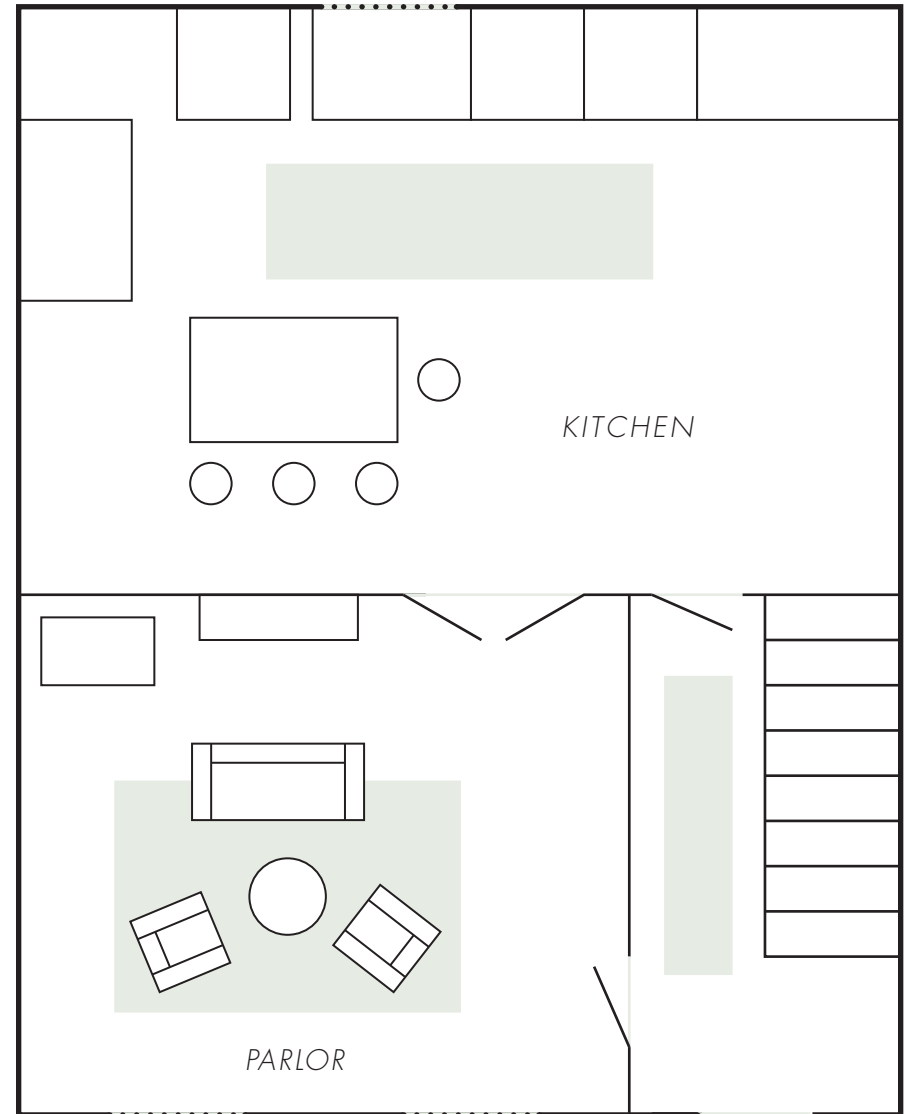
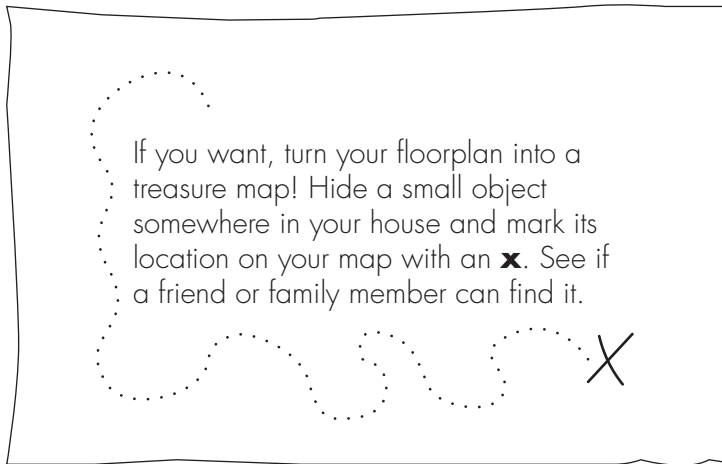
## WHAT SHAPE IS A HOUSE?

Houses come in a variety of shapes and sizes. From the outside, they can look like a geometric puzzle of squares, rectangles, circles, and triangles. When you step inside, they can seem like a maze of rooms, hallways, staircases, and doors.

When designing a house, architects draw a map, called a floorplan. It shows the house and how spaces are connected on each floor, from above.

Here is a floorplan of the parlor level of the American row house in *Homes*. What rooms are located on this floor? How are they connected?

On the back of this sheet, draw a floorplan of your house. Add a key for features like doors and windows.



This activity was inspired by *Mapmaking with Children: Sense of Place Education for the Elementary Years*, by David Sobel.

Ask a parent to take a picture and share!  
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