



**MIAMI DESIGN
PRESERVATION LEAGUE**

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WHAT
IS
ARCHITECTURE?

A Kids guide to Miami Beach Design
and Historic Preservation

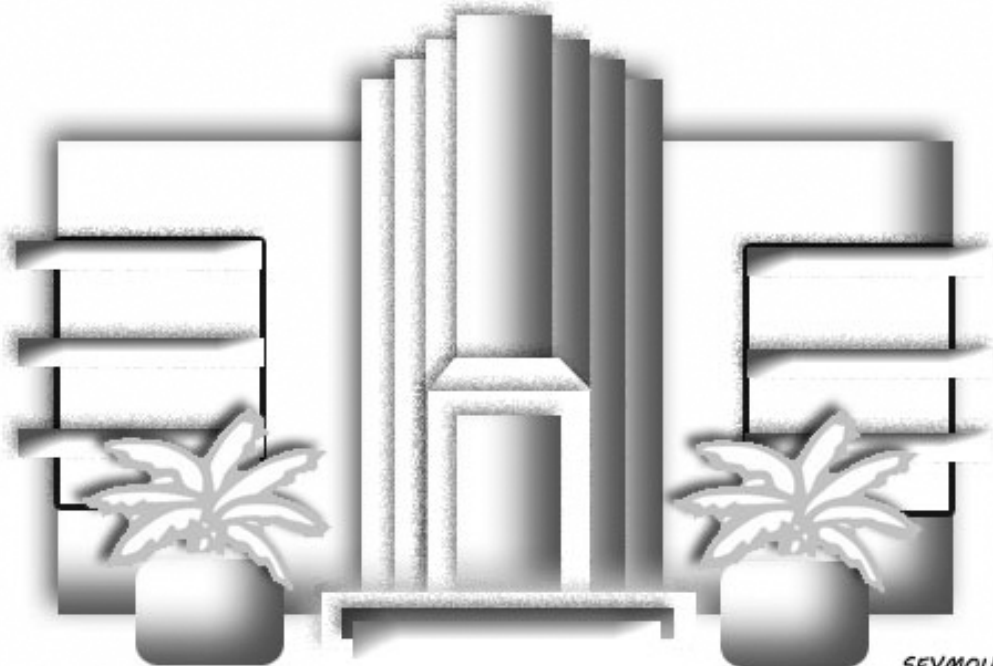
ARCHITECTURE: (är/kë t êk/chër), noun.
1 -The art of science of building, including plan, design, construction and decorative treatment.
2-The character or style of a building.

ARCHITECT: (är/kë t êkt), noun.
1 -One who's profession is to design buildings and supervise thier construction.

HISTORIC: (hîs t ôrîk), adjective.
-Well known or important history.

PRESERVATION: (prëz ër vá shën), noun.
1 -To save or keep from harm, danger or destruction.
2-To protect.

WHAT IS ART DECO?



SEYMOUR HOTEL
1936 - B-Kingston Hall

MOST POPULAR IN SOUTH FLORIDA FROM 1930 THRU 1950

The ART DECO style of design had its start in PARIS, FRANCE in 1925.

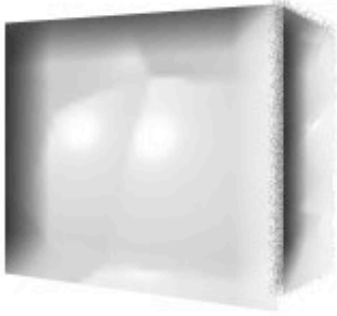
That year, Paris held an Exposition celebrating all that was NEW and EXCITING in the world of ART & DESIGN.

The ART DECO style was liked so much, it was used to design furniture, clothing, cars and buildings.

MIAMI BEACH architects especially liked this style, and designed hundreds of the buildings we see and live in today.

Today, Miami Beach is famous around the world for SAVING these buildings!

GLASS BLOCKS were often used on
ART DECO buildings.



FIND & COLOR the Glass Blocks.



CIRCLE all the things made of *GLASS*.



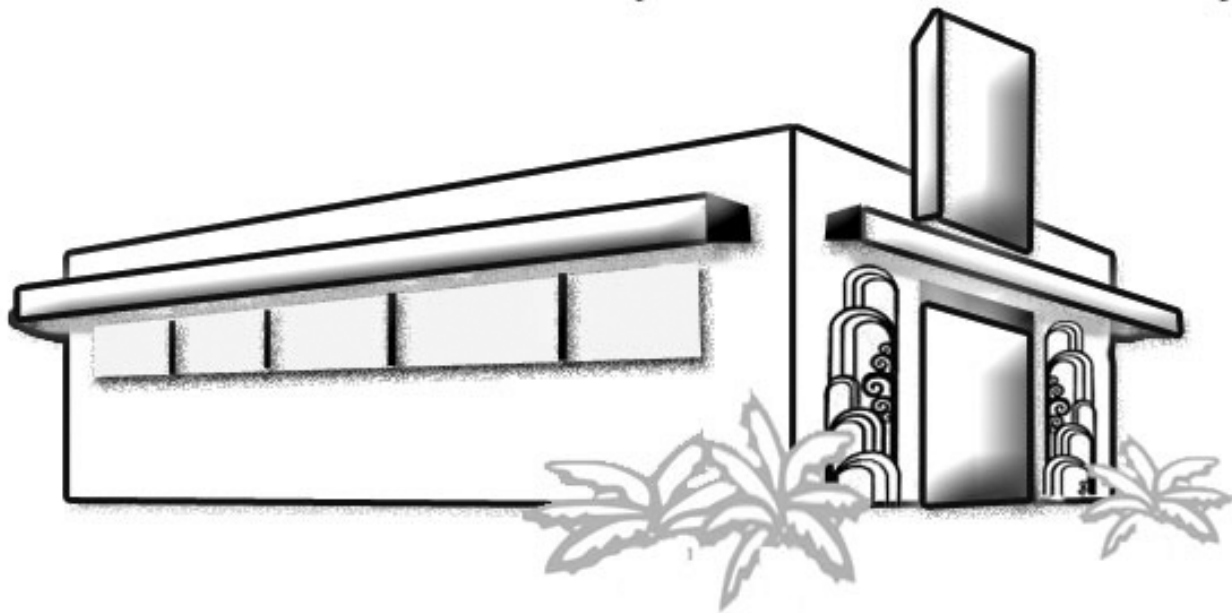


EYEBROWS

*Protect your eyes
from the sun and rain*

ART DECO buildings have eyebrows too!

FIND and COLOR the eyebrows on the building.



*The ART DECO buildings should be painted white,
or the COLORS found in the SKY, OCEAN and FLOWERS.*

COLOR this building your favorite ART DECO COLORS

COMMON ART DECO FEATURES

Ziggurat rooflines

Glass block

Deco relief art

Eyebrows

Plaster or Stone detailing

Round porthole detailing

Terrazo floor

Curved edges

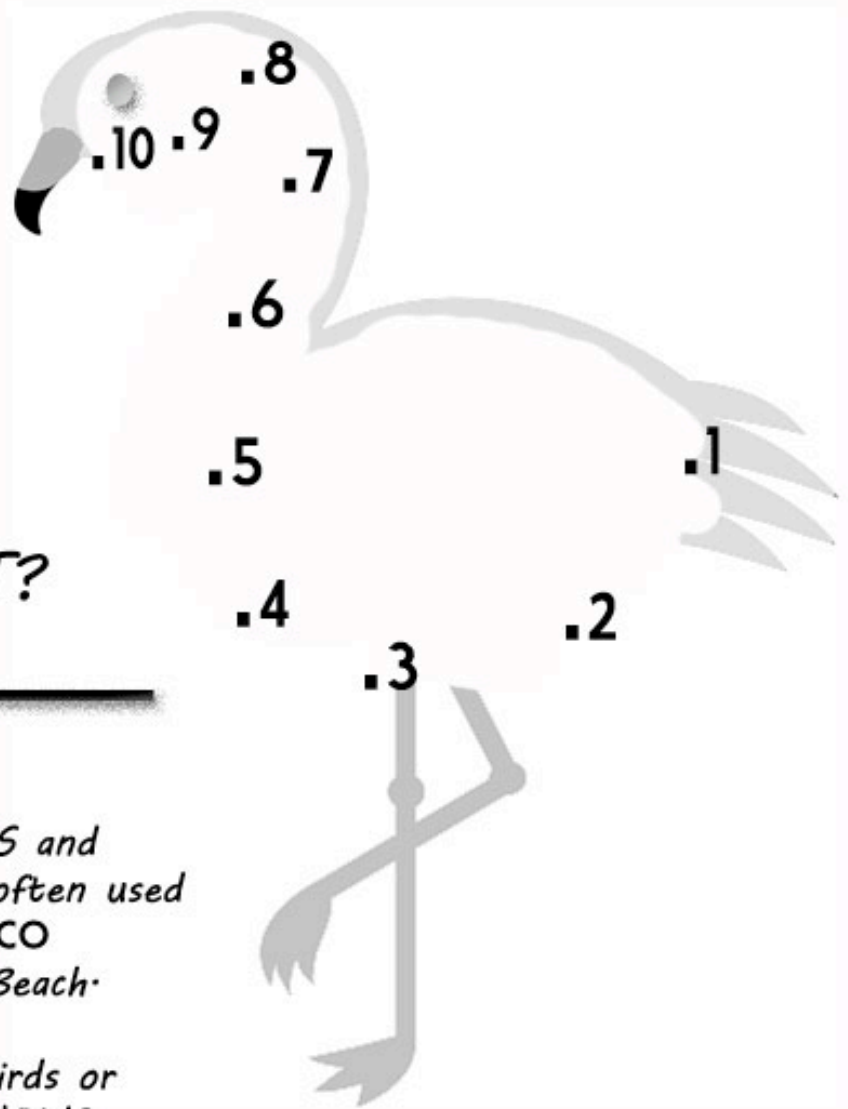
Neon



The ziggurat is the uneven edge design along the rooftop. FIND and CIRCLE the ziggurat.

Color bright electric NEON details on the building.

CONNECT the DOTS by following the numbers in order.



WHAT is IT?

BIRDS, FLAMINGOS and PALM TREES are often used to decorate ART DECO buildings in Miami Beach.

Can you find and birds or trees around you NOW?

DRAW THEM...

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT

ART DECO IS...

CIRCLE all the things you find on an ART DECO STYLE building

GLASS BLOCKS

CLAY TILE ROOF

ICE CREAM

PIZZA

ZIGGURAT ROOFLINE

BIRDS & TREES

NOSES

EYEBROWS

NOW DRAW your own ART DECO building...

WHAT IS

Mediterranean Revival?



*Miami Beach Community Church
1921 - Walter DeGarmo*

Most popular in South Florida from 1910 thru 1930

The Mediterranean Revival style of design had its start in California in the 1880's.

Settlers from SPAIN built mission churches that were similar in design to those they knew back home.

Mediterranean Revival style buildings were often simple in design and ornamentation. Florida's Hispanic Heritage, available materials, and the styles compatibility with our climate, made this a desired style of design for Miami Beach.

Common Mediterranean Revival Features

- * Rough stucco walls*
- * Flat Roofs*
- * Open porches and Archways*
- * Bell towers and Carved stonework*
- * White or Earth tone finishes*
- * Central curved parapets*
- * Terra Cotta clay tiles*
- * Open Balconies*



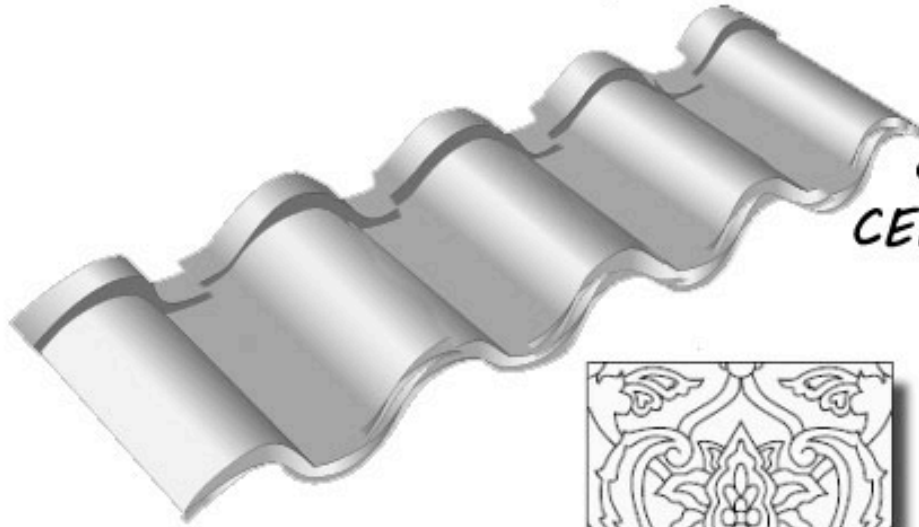
Mediterranean Revival style buildings are often painted the colors of the Earth...Like **CLAY, SAND & SOIL**.

COLOR this building in **Mediterranean Revival** style colors.

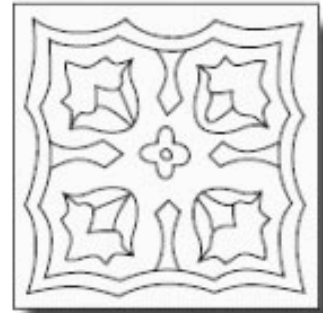
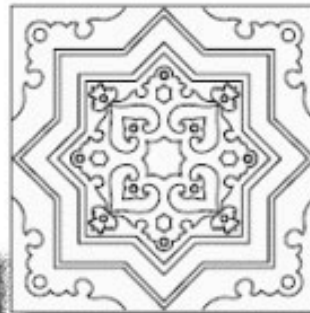
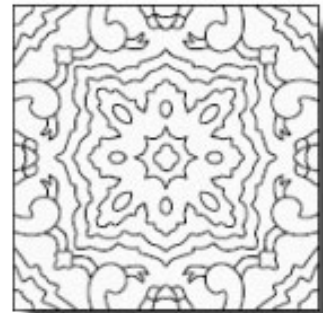
TERRA COTTA CLAY roof tiles are often used on **Mediterranean Revival** style buildings & houses.

FIND & COLOR the Terra Cotta tiles.

Mediterranean Revival *Style uses*
Terra Cotta
roof tiles
& COLORFUL
CERAMIC TILES



COLOR IN
these Tiles...



Now DESIGN YOUR
OWN Tile!



*CIRCLE all the things you find on a
Mediterranean Revival Style building.*

Parapet

Archways

Terra Cotta Tiles

Spaceships

Lollipops

Awnings

Rough Stucco

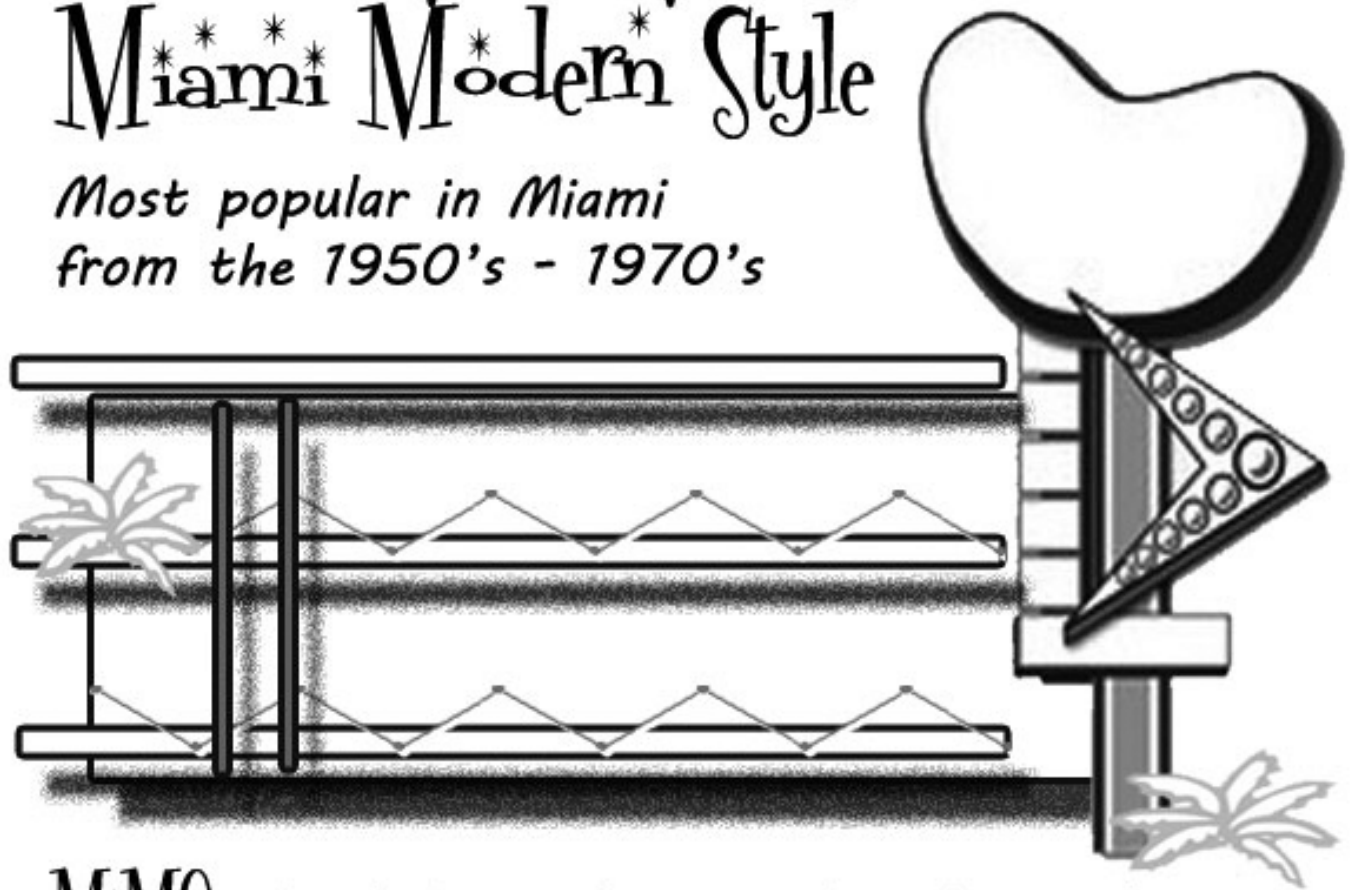
Windows

DRAW your own

Mediterranean Revival Style building...

What is **MiMO?**
Miami Modern Style

*Most popular in Miami
from the 1950's - 1970's*



MiMO (Sounds like...MY-MOE) style of design had its start in Miami and South Florida after World War II.

The **MiMO** offered a new beginning and a fresh look at the South Florida lifestyle through its design. Walls with **CHEESE HOLE** cutouts, **KIDNEY** and **AMOEBEA** shapes, Futuristic, Space-Age forms and sweeping lines all helped define the **MiMO** style. Water and Landscaping features, along with **MOSAIC** murals and large glass walls were often used to celebrate the tropics and help define **MiMO** style.

COMMON *MiMO* FEATURES

Smooth, sweeping walls Futuristic, Space travel themes
Cheese holes and Amoeba shapes
Mosaic tiled walls & Murals Terrazo Floors
Metal grillwork and Sun shades Interior Gardens and Fountains
Open Balconies and Catwalks Glass walls and Room dividers
Aluminum in shades of Gold & Copper
White with Orange, Turquoise and Gold finishes



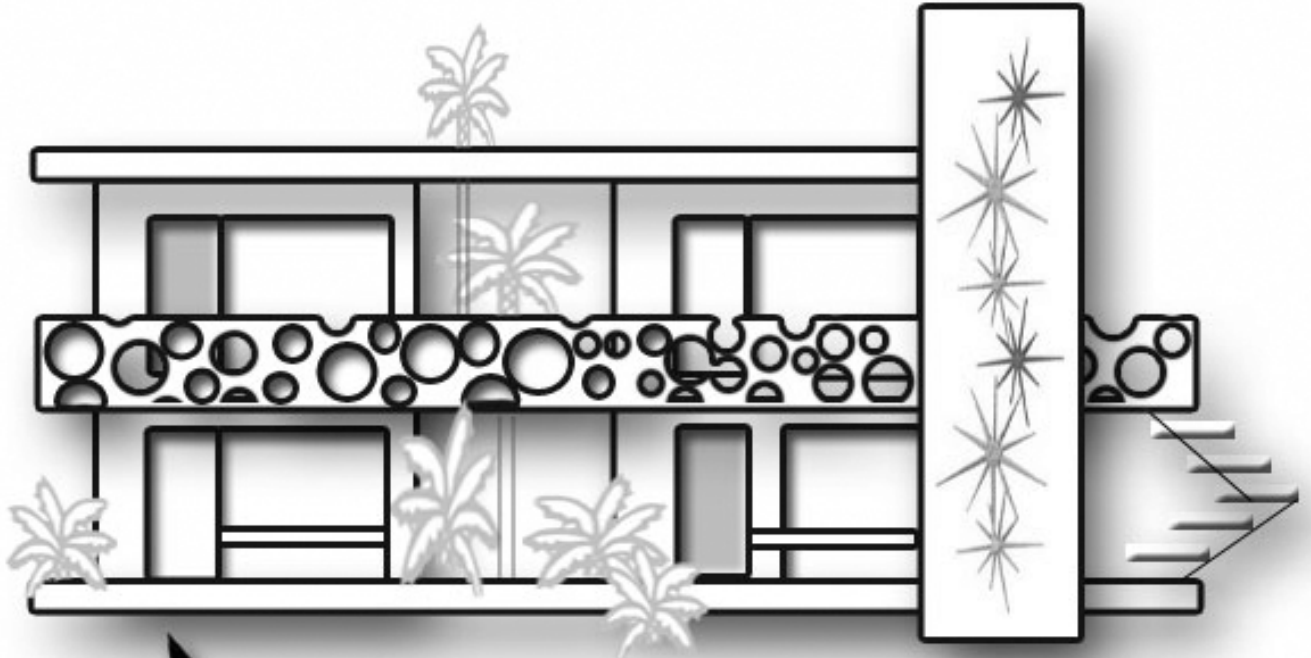
*Fontainebleau Hotel
1954 · Morris Lapidus*

*CHEESE HOLES were often used to create openings
in a wall and make the design more interesting.*

FIND and CIRCLE the Cheese hole wall.

MiMO *Style buildings are often painted White,*

*with tile walls and details in fun colors, like Turquoise,
Blue, Orange and Gold.*

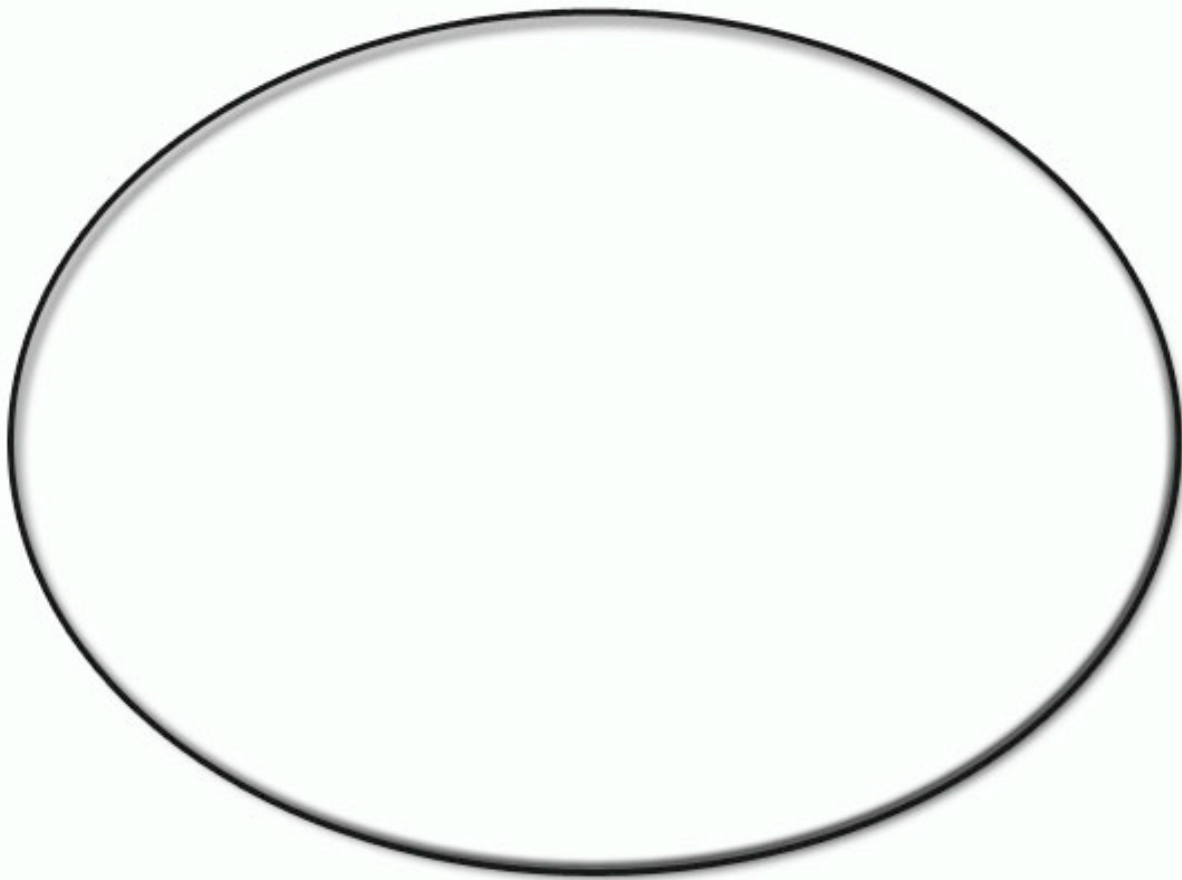


*CATWALKS and BALCONIES
help you get around and outside
a MiMO building, and keep you close
to the Garden.*

*DRAW Yourself and your friends
on the CATWALK of this building,
and color it in MiMO colors.*

NOW THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT THE BUILDINGS, STYLES
& HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN IN MIAMI BEACH...

DRAW WHAT **YOU** THINK BUILDINGS WILL LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE!



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