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Wright provided plans the next year, but building the doghouse from scraps from the main house was delayed because the house was under construction for many years. When Jim Berger joined the army in 1963, his dad and brother Eric finally built the dog house but his dog Eddie refused to use it, preferring to sleep in the warmth of the main house.

In 1970, Jim's mother sent the unused doghouse to the dump!

In 2010, Jim and his brother rebuilt the doghouse from the original plans. However, it had one flaw common to many of Wright's buildings,



including the Marin County Civic Center, the roof leaked!

The doghouse remains the smallest structure Frank Lloyd Wright ever designed and now belongs to the County of Marin.



The Marin County Civic Center is the largest existing Frank Lloyd Wright building. Both the largest and smallest buildings by Wright are here in Marin!

## **Design an Animal House!**

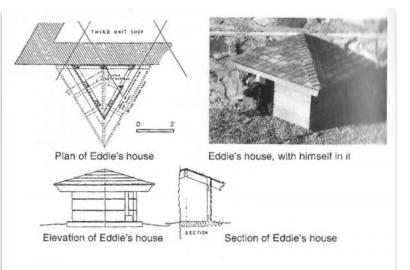
Think about its function, appearance and style. Eddie's dog house was designed to fit with the house that his family lived in. Your house can be any kind of animal house, real or imaginary!

Animal\_\_\_\_\_

Features\_\_\_\_\_

First Name\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_

Let your imagination be your guide! Think about the many shapes you saw at the Marin Civic Center!



Wright's Original Plans for Eddie's Dog House

Tip: 📥 Use a ruler if you need to.

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