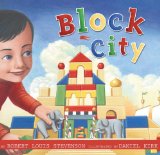
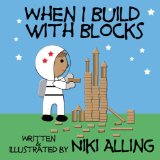
**14 Picture Books about Building with Blocks, Engineering, and Architecture**

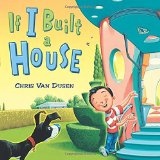


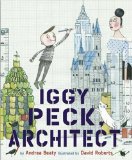
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[Changes, Changes](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0689711379/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0689711379&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0689711379 by Pat Hutchins is a wordless book about a wooden couple that changes their building block house into other objects when the house catches on fire. It’s a clever little book that encourages children to tell the story in their own words.

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[Block City](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0689869649/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0689869649&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0689869649 by Robert Louis Stevenson is a book we were introduced to last year at our children’s museum when they had a building exhibit. The illustrations are beautiful!

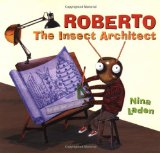
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[When I Build With Blocks](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1477535314/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1477535314&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=1477535314 by Niki Alling is a cute little book that appeals to little ones. The illustrations give little builders ideas for building–everything from outer space to oceans.

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[If I Built a House](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0803737513/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0803737513&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0803737513 by Chris Van Dusen is a cute little book about the amazing things Jack would put in his dream house. I love the illustrations and there are plenty of blueprints and blocks throughout.

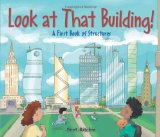
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[Iggy Peck, Architect](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/081091106X/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=081091106X&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=081091106X by Andrea Beaty is a funny little story of a budding architect. This one will make you and your kids giggle.

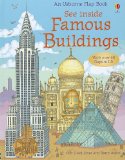
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[Rosie Revere, Engineer](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00E3AQS5E/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B00E3AQS5E&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=B00E3AQS5E by Andrea Beaty is about a little girl that secretly creates at night. Super cute! Perfect for girls!

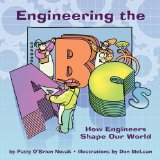
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[Architecture Shapes](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0471143669/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0471143669&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0471143669 by Michael J. Crosbie is a counting book (1-10) that introduces preschoolers to shapes found in architecture.

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[Roberto, The Insect Architect](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0811824659/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0811824659&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0811824659 by Nina Laden is about a termite that wants to build with wood instead of eat it. Super cute with lots of puns for adults to enjoy while reading to kids.

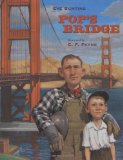
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[Arches to Zigzags: An Architecture ABC](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0810942186/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0810942186&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0810942186 by Michael J. Crosbie is a great way to introduce architecture vocabulary in an ABC book format. Another thing that I like about this book is that it is real-life pictures.

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[Look at That Building: A First Book of Structures](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1554536960/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1554536960&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=1554536960 by Scot Ritchie explores how a building is constructed, from foundations to roofing — then has a practice building for kids to create themselves.

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[See Inside Famous Buildings (Usborne Flap Book)](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0794523501/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0794523501&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0794523501 by Rob Lloyd Jones lets you discover and explore some of the world’s most famous buildings in a lift-the-flap book style. Super fun!

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[Engineering the ABC’s: How Engineers Shape Our World](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1933916516/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=1933916516&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=1933916516 by Patty O’Brien Novak answers questions about how everyday things work and how engineering relates to so many parts of a child’s daily life.

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[Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0375865411/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0375865411&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0375865411 by Deborah Hopkinson is a beautifully illustrated book about the men that built the Empire State Building in the Depression Era. I really, really like this one!

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[Pop’s Bridge](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0152047735/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0152047735&linkCode=as2&tag=happy04-20)http://ir-na.amazon-adsystem.com/e/ir?t=happy04-20&l=as2&o=1&a=0152047735 by Eve Buntin is along the same lines as Sky Boys, but is about the building of the Golden Gate Bridge.

I hope this gives you some ideas for your little builder!  
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