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"A Christmas Gift"

I am the youngest of four siblings and my older two are married. Every year for Christmas, we draw names of who we give a present to. This year I drew my brother-in-law's name. I decided that I wanted to make him something unique and of good quality from the skills I have learned in this class. I started thinking about things that are important to him. This past year, they built a house and moved in this past November. They are so happy with this house and the start of a new chapter in their lives. So, for his Christmas gift, I decided to make him a poster, as something they can always have and remember their first home.

I remembered a picture that my brother-in-law sent my family about a month ago of their new home. I took that picture into Adobe Illustrator and started designing. I used the pen tool to create the foundational shapes of the house. I then used similar colors from the actual photograph. From their house they have a clear view of Mt. Timpanogos, so I wanted to include that in the background. They also have a fence in their backyard, so I included a white fence along both sides of the house. I added a few textural and shading things to the roof and windows and put the title across the bottom! I plan to frame this and give to him on Christmas. I had a lot of fun making a replica of a real building and will continue to play around with architecture in adobe illustrator.

