I Want to Be an ARCHIECT

From an interview with Linda Davies

I'm Sara Staffanson, and I'm an architect.

What do you do in your job?

I design temples and other buildings. I draw what a building should look like. Architects decide how much buildings will cost, what materials to use, and how to put everything together. We work with engineers, interior designers, and landscapers.

What do you like most about your job?

When I was a child, I loved building houses in the sandbox. I have the same fun now, except now my ideas turn into real buildings. I love seeing something from my imagination become real.

What did you have to do to learn this job?

I went to college to become an architect. I learned about drawing, design, math, computer programs, and all about buildings. Being organized and working with other people is also important. Sometimes you fail, and sometimes you succeed. You need both experiences to grow your talents.

How does your job help you serve others and express your testimony?

I always pray for guidance from Heavenly Father when I design a building or for anything in my life. I love Heavenly Father and the Savior, and I know They know me personally. I grew up in Star Valley, Wyoming, USA, and as an architect I helped design the new Star Valley temple! My son, Micah, even helped me turn a shovel of dirt at the groundbreaking. It is a blessing to help create a building that can bless so many lives.

