



**How to make:** Make a sign that says "Short Street." Make a roof out of construction paper and attach it to the bulletin board. The lower edge of the roof should be the width of five sheets of construction paper. For Unit 1, write *Short a Sound* on a label and attach it to the roof. Change the label on the roof each week to match the spelling principle in the unit being studied. As an alternative, you may wish to allow room for five roofs, adding a new roof each week so that by the end of the cycle the students have created a neighborhood of five houses.

**How to use:** Have each student choose a Basic or Elephant Word to illustrate on a sheet of construction paper. Students should write their word on their paper and illustrate the word using a scene that could happen inside a house. A student illustrating the word *sat*, for example, might draw a scene of a family sitting at a kitchen table. Mount the illustrations under the roof to form the structure of the house.