In the 1990s and 2000s Zaha gained larger and more prestigious commissions, including the Guangzhou Opera House in China, and the London Aquatics Centre for the 2012 London Olympics, among many others. Her buildings continued to use flowing shapes and avoid straight lines and 90 degree angles. She became nicknamed the “queen of the curve.”

Zaha won many prizes and awards for her architecture, including the prestigious Stirling Prize for excellence in architecture in both 2010 and 2011. In 2012 she was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire.

**SKETCH IDEAS LIKE ZAHA**

Imagine if you could design and build your dream home. What would it look like? When architects like Zaha first start designing a building, they begin by sketching ideas. These first sketches can be as crazy and imaginative as they like, before the later stages of forming a building that can realistically be built! Create a series of sketches for the most over-the-top amazing dream home you can think of. What strange shapes will you use? What bizarre features will your house have? Let your imagination run wild.