



The Australian Academy of Science building, 1959

The Australian Academy of Science building, also known as the shine dome, is a significant example of **geometric structuralism**. Designed by **Sir Roy Grounds**, the building and its custom-designed furniture were created to reflect the inquiring and innovative nature of science.

Geometric structuralism is a way of designing buildings using clear, strong shapes like squares, circles, rectangles, and triangles. Architects who use this style like to show how the building is put together, almost like you can see its “skeleton.”

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How many
circles can
you find in
this picture?

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