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Video: Timelapse of National Building Museum's "Hive" Installation Brett Widness | July 18, 2017



Courtesy of Work Zone Cam

The National Building Museum's latest Summer Block Party installation – "Hive" – in Washington, D.C., is now open to the public. Designed by Studio Gang, an American architecture and urban design practice with offices in Chicago and New York, Hive is built entirely of more than 2,700 wound paper tubes featuring a reflective silver exterior and a vivid magenta interior, and reaches a height of 60 feet.

Hive's form recalls other built and natural structures such as the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and the curvature of a spider's web. Visitors to the installation will have the opportunity to explore how a structure can modify and reflect sound, light, scale and human interaction. Some of the smaller chambers will even have small instruments, including drums and chimes, that visitors can interact with.

"We are delighted to continue sharing our Summer Block Party with audiences from all over the world via Work Zone Cam," said Chase Rynd, executive director of the National Building Museum. "The time lapse showcases the engineering and construction ingenuity that goes into building Hive, and that process is something we're always excited to share."