

A DIY tipi for your back yard. (No sew)

The word tipi comes from the Lakota language, thípi meaning "a dwelling".

It is typically a conical, portable structure made with multiple poles and a detachable cover. It would also have had two smoke flaps at the top of the tipi and a door cover. These openings allowed people to have an open fire to cook and heat themselves inside the tipi.

Materials

6 to 8 poles – 1x2x8
Drill
Heavy String
Canvas fabric or old bed sheets
Staple gun and staples

Steps

1. Drill a hole in all the poles 12 inch down.
2. Run the string through three poles and stand them up like a tripod.
3. Then add the other poles one at a time, running string through the holes in these pole also.
4. Once all 6 poles have sting running though the holes, wrap string around all the poles binding them all together.
5. Take one flat bed sheet and attach between 2 poles with staples (staring at the bottom), continue stapling, keeping sheet taunt, until you reach the top of the sheet and tipi. Cut off excess bed sheet.
6. Continue around the remaining sections until you have one opening left.
7. The last opening will be the door opening. Only staple it fully on one side and then only the upper portion on the other side, this will make a flap that can be opened and closed.
8. Lay a tarp or sheet on the ground and some pillow and spend hours of play time in you knew tipi. Add lanterns or flashlight for night play.

