

INSTRUCTIONS: Paper Lantern Teepee

Kids, teens and adults enjoy making these illuminated teepees!

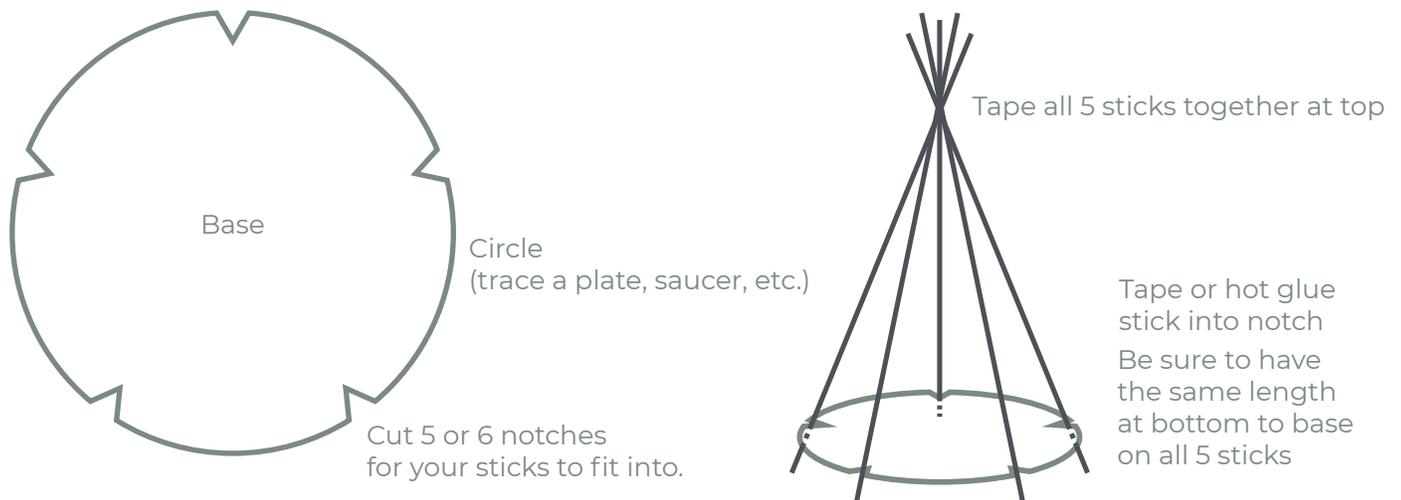
SUPPLIES:

- White glue and water, mixed roughly 1/3 glue to 2/3 water
- Flat brush, about 1" wide
- Plastic disposable table cloth (dollar store)
- Tissue paper
- Small diameter sticks, dowels or branches to make the frame. Length of the sticks will vary by the size of your teepee, ours were as short as 14" and went up to 30" for larger teepees.
- Foamcore or cardboard for the base
- ¼" masking tape of similar to secure sticks to the base
- Hot glue (optional)
- Twine to tie teepee at top
- LED light(s)
- Feathers, beads, leather strips, totems for the top decoration, as you desire

1 MAKE THE FRAME

teepees may be made as large or small as you like. Start with a small one by cutting a piece of foamcore or cardboard about 5" round. (Trace a saucer to get your circle) For larger teepees, make 6 notches and use 6 sticks instead of 5.

Cut 5 notches pretty evenly spaced around the outside edge of the circle. Fit a 14" stick into each notch, about one inch from the bottom of the stick, and tape into the notch. You want the 1" distance equal on all sticks so the tip will sit flat. Tape well but know that you will be bending your 5 sticks to the center to gather at the top. Here is where I used a blob of hot glue to "glue" the stick into the notch. Gather the 5 sticks at the top and secure with masking tape. You now have your teepee form.



2 COVER THE FRAME WITH TISSUE

Lay your plastic disposable table cloth on your working surface and brush an area lightly with your glue/water mixture. Take a piece of tissue (about 7 x7 to start with) and lay it where you brushed and gently brush the top side of the paper. Gently lift and apply to your frame. It will grab onto the stick frame and using your finger help it "grab" the rib of the stick and then wrap to another stick edge. Let the loose edge of the paper remain loose because when you add your next piece, that piece will grab onto your first piece. Keep adding pieces (any size and shape that works for you) until your teepee is covered all the way around. Place the tissue as high up the teepee as you like, we usually placed tissue up to about 1" from where the sticks are joined. Wrap edges under the bottom and brush with glue to adhere. Don't worry if you get a tiny tear here and there, just add a little patch piece. Somewhere along the bottom base, leave a small opening where you will fit an LED light.

Let dry or at least semi-dry. Then, cut a small square large enough to cover the opening you left for the LED light and glue the top of the square above the top of the opening, making a small tent flap. Tie twine at the top, covering the tape that holds the sticks together. Add feathers, beads or totems as you wish.

Turn the LED on and insert through the opening small tent flap. Illuminating!

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