

Grade Range: 3rd grade and up  
Difficulty Rating: Easy  
Time: approximately 20 minutes for project  
Categories: Educational

## Teepee Craft

*These teepees can be made for a desk decoration or for a display in the classroom. Study several drawings and photographs of teepees, and make similar designs on your craft. Remember that different tribes lived in different types of homes. After you finish your teepee, you may want to create a longhouse, a wigwam, an igloo... Be sure to document why these dwellings differed so greatly among the different regions and include this information in your display.*



What you will need:

Chenille stems, black  
Felt or paper, white  
Scissors  
Adhesive, school or tacky glue  
Marker, black  
Large plastic margarine lid or something similar in size

1. Use the lid to trace a circle onto the paper or felt with the marker. Cut out the circle.
2. Fold the circle in half and mark where the middle of the circle is located.
3. Cut from the outside edge in to the middle mark.
4. Cut a small circle out of the center of the circle. This will allow for the structure of the teepee to stick out of the top.
5. Depending on how large the circle is, you may need to adjust the length of the chenille stems. If you need to shorten a chenille stem, bend it back and forth several times in the same place and it will separate. Be careful as it will be a bit sharp. Make the chenille stem approximately an inch or so longer than the measurement from the edge of the circle to the middle of the circle. Create 4 or 5 sticks for the structure of the teepee.
6. Use a small piece of chenille stem to wrap around all the chenille stems about an inch from one end. Separate the opposite ends out and separate to form the structure.
7. Use the marker to decorate the teepee.
8. Drape the teepee around the structure, pulling back one edge to create the entrance for the teepee. Glue flap in place. Glue teepee to structure if desired.

NOTE: Do not use scissors to cut chenille stems, as the stems could damage the scissor blades.

