



Camp

# Tent-tastic

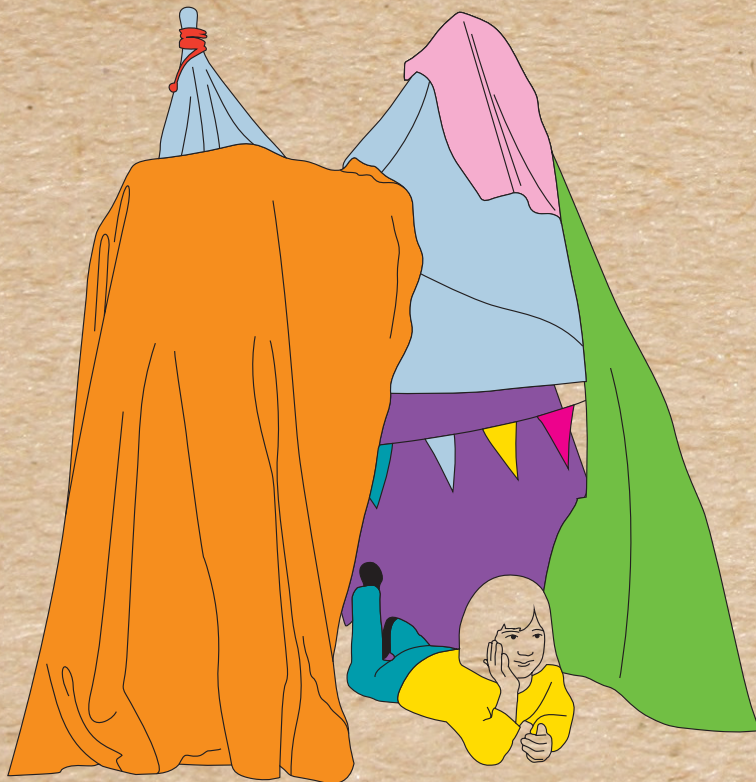
Stage

1

30 mins



Skills builder



## Aim of activity

You can't go camping without being able to put up a tent! Get creative and build the best tent you can.

## What you'll get out of it

- Discover what makes a good tent.
- Build a tent.
- Be creative.
- Work as a team.

## What you'll need

- Tables
- Chairs
- Sheets – groundsheets or blankets
- String
- Bulldog clips/clothes pegs/heavy books
- Paper
- Pens



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding





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## What to do

**1** Think of three important things a good tent should do. If you can't think of any, choose three from this list:

- Be big enough to fit four of you inside
- Be easy to move around in
- Not fall down
- Keep you warm

Write or draw your choices to help you remember.

**2** Get into small groups of around four. What do you have at your meeting place that you could use to create a tent? Look at the items your leader's brought and talk about how you could use them to make a tent. You could hold the edges down with heavy books. or tie, peg or clip the edges to something strong.

**3** Ready? Steady? Build your tent! Ask for help from an adult, if you need it.

**4** How well does your tent work? Time to try it out. Sit in it and play a sit-down game or tell a story to your group. Does it do the three important things you thought of in step 1? Can all your group fit in it?

**5** What could make your tent better? Think of one thing you could change, like making it bigger or covering up any gaps. Make the changes and test your tent again.

**6** If you were camping outside overnight, your tent would need to be able to protect you in all weathers. Are there any ways a camping tent would be different to the tent you've made?

**7** On your own, look at all the other tents and decide which one's your favourite and why. After looking at them all, would you change anything on yours? Make the changes so your tent's the best it can be.