

## Build a Wigwam

During this activity we are going to create our own wigwams. Wigwams are dome shaped houses that were used by Native Americans. The frame was usually made of wood, and they would use birch bark or animal skins to cover it. It was easy to take apart and move, just like tents that we use today when camping, so that tribes could travel to different locations throughout the year.



### Supplies

- Thin Cardboard (ex: Cereal Box)
- Brown Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Liquid Glue in a Dish
- Paint Brush

**Step 1:** Cut your cardboard into four strips. Make three strips that are 1 inch wide & 11 inches tall, and one strip 1 inch wide & 16 inches tall.



**Step 2:** Form the longest cardboard strip into a circle and staple ends together. Then, staple the three shorter strips to the cardboard circle to form a dome shape.



# Pioneer Program Art Project

Hey kids! Bucky the beaver here with a tip! A ruler can be used to help you measure out your cardboard strips to build your wigwam base! Good Luck!



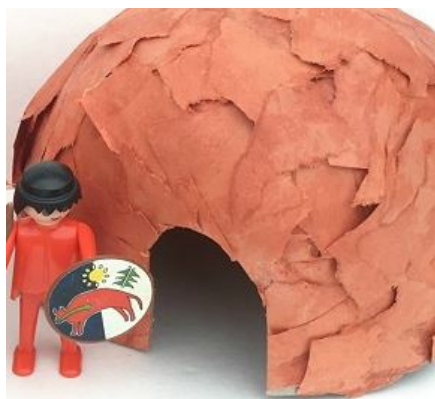
Step 3: Rip brown construction paper into 1 inch pieces to act as birch bark to cover your wigwam.



Step 4: Using glue and a paint brush, glue the birch bark pieces to your cardboard dome and allow the glue to dry.



Step 5: Glue on more birch bark so the pieces overlap. Make sure your wigwam has no empty spaces. Then allow your glue to dry.



Step 6: Cut a door into the side of your wigwam using your scissors. Have your parent or teacher help you with this. Once you have this step finished, your wigwam is complete!