

The Making Of A Tipi

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Why Decided To Make My Tipi The Way I Did

I chose the tipi design of the Crow Native American tribe to learn more on how the Crow Nation would make their tipis and how to make a tipi the way that the Crow Nation done. The Crow Nation normally had the door facing east into the sunrise, however, the position that the door was facing depended on the weather. The Crow Native American tribe have been using tipis since the 1700s.

How I Made My Tipi

I made my tipi out of chokecherry branches that I whittled to take off the bark and to trim them down. To make the bottom look realistic, I took Elmer's glue and spread it on the floor of a box that I trimmed down, then, I sprinkled dirt on the glue. To tie the sticks together in a cone shape I used some inner strands of paracord and a piece of a leather shoe lace to hold the strings together. Finally, I sewed leather pieces together to represent the buffalo hide that the Crow Native Americans had sewn together when they made their tipis, then I draped it over the my tipi poles and placed small rocks around the bottom of the tipi in a ring formation, as the Native Americans had.