

Juneau's Preschool Pup Tent

What you'll need:

- 2 pieces of lumber, 1"x2"x8'
- 3 dowels—one 5/8"x48" and two 7/16"
- drill
- drill paddle bits (5/8" and 7/16")
- screw bit
- 4 self-tapping screws, 3/4" long
- fabric (2½ yards long x 45" wide)
- jigsaw
- 3' cotton cording (¾-1" thick)
- scissors
- yardstick
- sewing machine
- iron
- sewing pins

What you'll do:

Step 1: Cut each 1"x2"x8' piece of lumber in half.

Step 2: Measure 6" down from the top of each 1"x2"x4' and drill a 5/8" hole.

Step 3: Measure 1" up from the bottom of each and drill a 7/16" hole.

Step 4: Sew the fabric. See sewing instructions below.

Step 5: Arrange the legs of the tent so that all the large holes are on the top and all the small holes are on the bottom.

Step 6: Stack the wood and thread the large dowel into the holes so that 1" of the dowel sticks out.

Step 7: Place the small dowels in the bottom holes so that the dowel sticks out about 1".

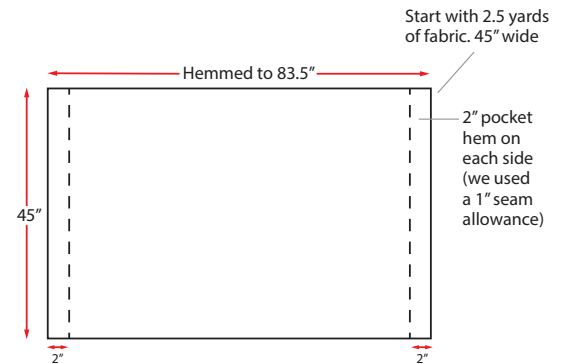
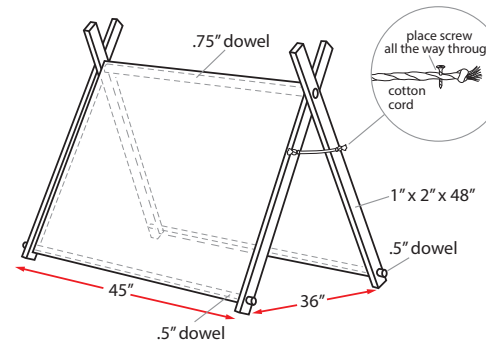
Step 8: Stand the tent up, and create an opening on each side that is 36" wide at the base of the tent.

Step 9: Cut two 18" lengths of cotton cording. Knot each end of the cording on both pieces, about 6" apart, and trim the end if necessary.

Step 10: Thread a screw through at the base of each knot. (See illustration.)

Step 11: Make sure the opening at the base of the tent is 36", then screw the cotton cording across the 2 leg pieces about 12" from the top of each leg. (See illustration.) Repeat this step on the other side.

Step 12: Thread ½" dowel through the hemmed pocket of one end of the fabric, return the dowel back in the holes of the tent legs, place the fabric over the middle ¾" top dowel, and then thread the final dowel through the remaining edge pocket. Place the dowel back in the tent leg holes.



Sewing instructions

Step 1: Create a 2" wide dowel pocket in each end of the 45" edge of the fabric. We used a 1" seam allowance. Mark the fabric 1" from the edge, fold, and press. From the pressed edge mark, fold and iron 2" up. This will create a 2" pocket with 1" folded under for a seam allowance. Pin the pocket down along the edge.

Step 2: Repeat step one on the other 45" end of fabric.

Step 3: Put the pinned fabric on the tent poles to insure the fabric fits. Make any necessary adjustments before sewing.

Step 4: Sew the pinned edges.