

# Teepee

A teepee is known plain tribes home, and is made from buffalo hide and is stood up by wooden poles. Teepees are designed in a cone shape and are made to keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer. My teepee is made out of a yellowish whitish cloth and held up in a cone shape with sticks. An actual teepee is made with 15 foot poles and you usually 15 feet high mine is 18 inches tall. When a teepee is made its usually made by the women because the women are in charge of the teepees. On the other hand men were in charge of the outside of the teepee and were in charge of designing the outside. Inside the the teepee is a small fire for cooking and warmth to let the smoke out of the teepees. Bedding was also placed along the floor of the teepee, there's also personal possessions arrayed along the walls or between sleeping spaces. During winter when it started to get cold they would use an inner lining constructed from animal hide, blankets, or even strips of fabric and would be hung along the lower portion of the inner wall, and would create an extra layer of insulation to keep inside warm while they were sleeping. To add even more insulation they might add grass or brush and would place it between the outer wall and the lining there's a little hole at the top to let let the smoke out. Now when it rained or snowed the men would have to go outside wrap an extra thing of hide towards the top of the teepee. A teepee is made slightly slanted to prevent rain from running inside the teepee, and it would allow precipitation to freely flow away from the top opening. They always left a room for the smoke to get out. When night time came around they slept of buffalo hides on the floor. During the daytime if the

flap of the entrance was open it was an invitation to come inside but if the flap was closed you needed to let them know you were there and wait to be allowed inside even if you lived there. If you were a guest you would always sit on the left of the head of the family you were visiting the family would sit the farthest from the door flap. A teepee was a really easy setup it only took roughly around 30 minutes to set up. The starter of the teepee was Lakota they invented the teepee but later teepees were used by plain tribes. Most villages had been arranged in a circular pattern and each teepee would open to the east of the way they were placed. Most teepees could hold up to 12 people in just one teepee. In a village they would put up a big teepee for the chief and would sometimes have many different teepees for different leaders or healers. Depending on how many people are in the village the village can have up to 100 teepees or more. Teepees were mostly used only by the tribes that move around a lot.