

“Playtime Teepee”



Imaginations will run wild with this adorable playroom teepee, complete with glow-in-the-dark detailing and bright appliquéd motifs.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine

3 Empty bobbins

Butterick Pattern Company pattern # B4251

Spool of decorative glow-in-the-dark embroidery thread

All-purpose thread to match fabrics

Fabric yardages as directed by pattern

Accent fabric yardage as directed by pattern

Ribbon as directed by pattern

Glow-in-the-dark fabric paint

Fabric marking pen or chalk marker

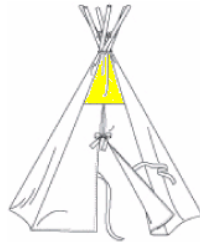
Bodkin or large safety pin

6 PVC end caps



Instructions:

1. Separate the pattern tissue pieces, and locate the pieces needed for the teepee.
2. Cut the main five teepee sections from your chosen fabric as directed by the pattern instructions.
3. After cutting the accent fabric pieces, use the glow-in-the-dark fabric paint and paint over some of the printed details of the fabric (such as the yellow planets).
4. Make sure to let the accent fabric pieces dry completely before sewing.
5. Wind three bobbins with the all-purpose thread. This will keep you from having to stop in the middle of the project to wind another bobbin.
6. Thread the machine with one of the three wound bobbins and the spool of all-purpose thread in through the needle.
7. Set the machine for a straight stitch and set the length for 1.8 to 2.0mm.
8. Sew the main teepee pieces together as directed by the pattern guide sheet. Remember to backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam to increase durability.
9. To accent the top center of the teepee, save a remnant from the accent fabric that has several full motifs. Paint the remnant with the glow-in-the-dark paint.



10. After the paint has dried, cut around the motifs or “fussy cut” the shapes from the fabric.
 11. Pin them into position on the top center front piece, remembering to leave room on the left and right for the seam allowance and pole casings.
 12. Using the glow thread and a zigzag, appliqué or decorative stitch, appliqué the shapes in place.
 13. Optional: You can also appliqué more motifs on the inside of the teepee panels to be viewed and enjoyed from the inside of the completed teepee.
 14. Continue the sewing assembly of the teepee as instructed by the pattern guide sheet.
 15. Use the bodkin or safety pin to thread the 3/8” ribbon through the top casing.
 16. Paint the beads with a coat of the glow-in-the-dark paint.
 17. Slide the teepee on the PVC pole frames. Add the end caps to the top of the PVC poles.
- Note: PVC comes in two main colors, white for plumbing and grey for electrical. The poles can also be spray painted to match other colors. When painting PVC it is best to use a spray paint designed especially for plastics. The traditional paint will work, however it scratches off easily.*
18. Set up the teepee by spreading the lower end of the poles out until the fabric is tight. The top ends of the PVC poles will rotate or appear twisted.

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