In the museum you will find a selection of cases that look at how people have built shelters in different cultures and time periods. In these cases you will see a model igloo, temples, and a rainforest houses on stilts. You might also see a shelter called a Tipi; this is a tent like shelter that was mostly used by Native Americans in the past. These people needed to move around a lot so they built portable homes called tipis. They moved so much because they hunted buffalo that roamed around looking for fresh grass to eat. They used the buffalo for meat and made shelter covers from their skins. The tipis in the museum have different covers one of them made from reindeer skin.

Did you know that some Native American families made small “dog house” tipis for their pet dogs!

you will need

- card
- scissors
- sellotape
- glue
- straws
- colouring pencils or crayons
- decorating materials
1. Cut along the solid lines, and fold along the dotted lines.

2. Then decorate your tipi!

3. Put glue on the shaded area.

4. Cut the straw into 3 equal parts and tape them together. Then tape them to the top of the inside of your tipi.

5. Curve your tipi into a cone shape, match the edge along the shaded section and stick down.

6. Stick some of the home items to the floor. Then stick your tipi onto the floor with the tabs. Fold back the doors. Now it’s time to play house!
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