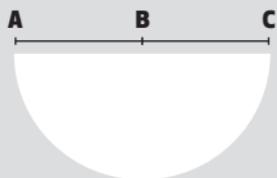
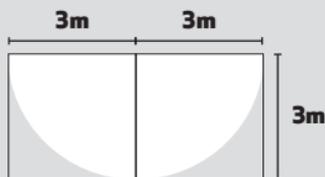


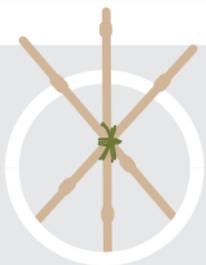
Build a wigwam for summer fun



1 Unstitch an old double duvet cover to make the tipi skin; canvas is a waterproof option.



2 Draw a semi-circle. The height of the tipi will be the radius distance A-B (see left).



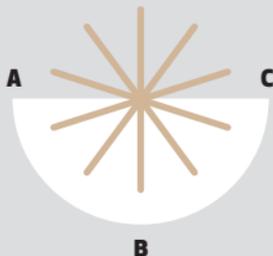
5 If you plan to transport the finished wigwam, cut the poles in half and whittle some dowelling inserts as joints.



Only do this stage if you're planning to transport the finished wigwam in the boot of a standard estate car – 4m-long poles will not easily fit.

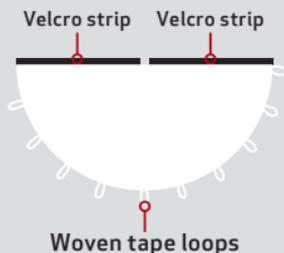
6 Secure three of the poles in a tripod shape, lashing the tops together with rope.

7 Place remaining poles around the tripod; lash together.



8 With assistance from a tall friend, wrap the fabric around the frame and join the Velcro doors.

3 Now cut the fabric into a semi-circle (radius 3m) and give the cut edge a hem for neatness. Sew two Velcro strips onto its straight edge to form the wigwam door. Around the curved edge, sew a series of thick string loops to stake the wigwam to the ground.



4 To form the interior frame you will need 10 thick bamboo poles measuring approx 4m long. I got mine from www.bamboosupplies.com.

