TEPEE LIFE

Here's what we used...

SCENE A RAMA® Items

- **Building & Structure Kit**
- **Horizon & Detail Kit**
- **ShowBox**

Household Items

- Disposable Cups
- Pan for Water
- Sandpaper – Fine Grade
- Scissors

Did you know?

The tepee was first used by the Plains Indians of North America. Built from logs and animal hides, the tepee is an ideal nomadic dwelling for tribes that migrate often. Tepees are durable structures, strong enough to withstand wind, rain and heat.

Fig. 1a

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Paint

- Assemble *ShowBox*.
- Use a pencil to sketch a Native American scene inside *ShowBox*.
- Mark location for tepee, mountains, river, fire pit, etc.
- Using *Project Paints*, paint Native American scene. (Fig. 1a)
- Let dry.

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Plaster Cloth
- Add three-dimensional features to mountain landscape.
- Place *ShowBox* on its back. Cut a piece of *Plaster Cloth* and test fit over desired area.
- Dip *Cloth* in water, let some water drip off, then place on mountain terrain.
- Smooth to fill in holes, then pinch to add texture.

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- Place additional pieces of *Plaster Cloth* on terrain for added texture and dimension.
- Let dry completely.

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Paint
- Paint *Plaster Cloth*.
- Paint lighter colors on raised areas and dark colors on flat areas. This will create shadows and depth.

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Project Glue & Tree Foliage
- Use *Foliage Fiber* to make Tree Foliage.
- Use *Green Grass* for accent color.

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- Apply *Project Glue* on leaf area of painted trees.
- Press small pieces of prepared Tree Foliage into glue.
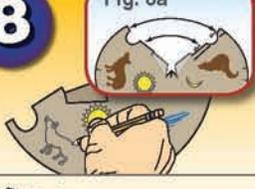- Repeat until satisfied with look of trees.

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Native American Tepee Template
- Glue Tepee template to *Project Cloth*.
- Unfold tepee flaps, then cut out tepee.
- Let dry.

NOTE: Create a door with excess *Project Cloth* glued to a small piece of *Project Stick*.

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Fig. 8a

Paint
- Paint tepee.
- When dry, form into tepee shape and glue together as indicated on template. (Fig. 8a)

TIP! For an aged look, brush with a color wash before painting designs.

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Rinse Water
- Use Lodge Pole Guide on Tepee template to measure length of *Project Sticks*. Cut with scissors.
- Use sandpaper to smooth or shape.
- Paint with a color wash.

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- Apply glue along bottom 2/3 of lodge poles, then insert through top of tepee. Line up poles with placement marks.
- Line up bottom of poles with bottom of tepee.
- Glue tepee in ShowBox.

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Greenery
- Use prepared Tree Foliage to add ground cover.
- Attach with *Project Glue*.

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River
- Place a piece of *Clear Plastic* over river area.
- Trace outline of river, then cut out with scissors.
- Attach with *Project Glue*.

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Fig. 13a

Fire Pit
- Wad small pieces of wet *Plaster Cloth* into rock shapes.
- Let dry, then paint to resemble rocks. Glue into fire pit shape.
- Cut and shape *Project Sticks* for firewood. Dab on red and yellow paint to resemble fire. (Fig. 13a)
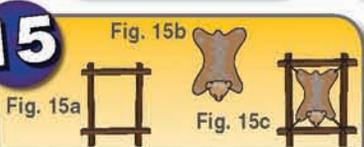
TIP! Use pebbles and twigs from outdoors.

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Fig. 14a

Boulders and Smoke
- Wad pieces of wet *Plaster Cloth* into boulder shapes. Let dry, then paint.
- Remove a small piece of *White Fiber*. Pull thin and lacy. Paint gray, let dry, then glue to firewood. (Fig. 14a)

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Fig. 15b
Fig. 15a
Fig. 15c

Tanning Rack
- Cut *Project Sticks*, then glue together in rack pattern. (Fig. 15a)
- Paint with thinned brown paint.
- Cut *Project Cloth* into an animal hide shape. Paint with a color wash. (Fig. 15b)
- Use *Project Wire* to attach hide to rack. Paint *Wire* brown. (Fig. 15c)
- Glue in place.

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Native American Canoe Template
- Use the Canoe template to make a canoe.
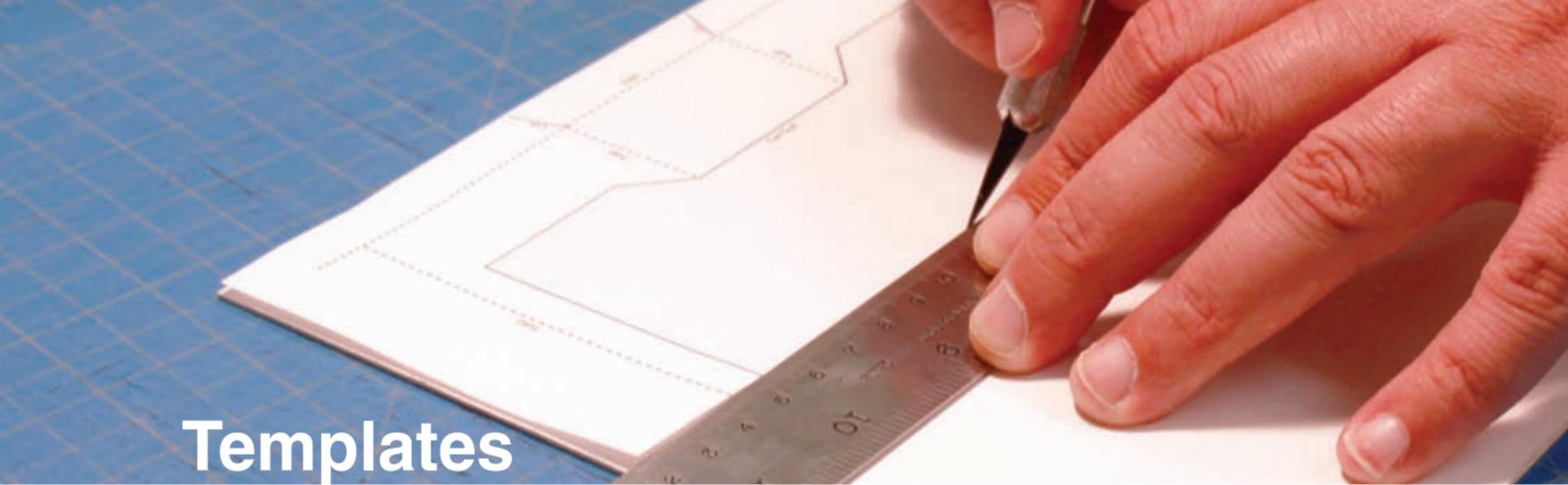- Assemble and paint in desired colors.
- Glue in place.

TIP! Shape an oar from a *Project Stick*.

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Labels
- Paint outside of *ShowBox*, if desired.
- Label and add signage to your project.

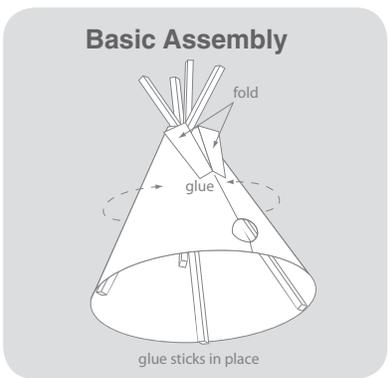See the *A+ PROJECTS & DIORAMAS: The Student's Handbook* (SP4171) for more information.

Templates

- Photocopy, trace or scan template onto white paper. Cut out, then trace onto specified material.
- If needed, reduce or enlarge templates to fit your diorama.
- Each template includes basic assembly instructions and needed materials.
- Read through the corresponding project instructions for clarification on using template.
- Short dotted lines -------------- indicate fold lines
- Long dotted lines — — — indicate score lines
- Bold, solid lines ———— indicate cut lines

Native American Tepee

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- Copy template on white paper, then cut out.
- Glue cutout on Project Cloth. Cut out and assemble as shown. Paint, as desired.

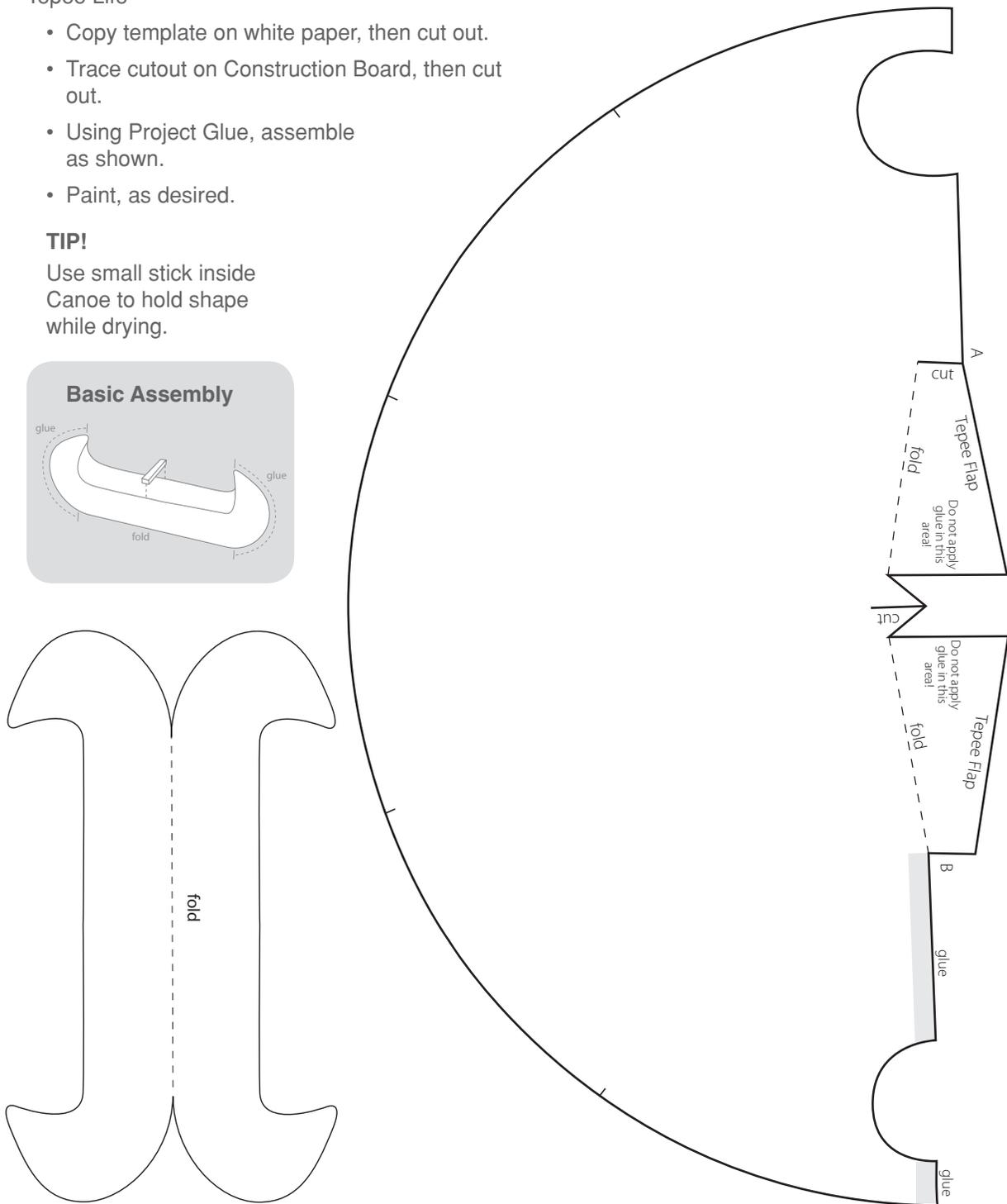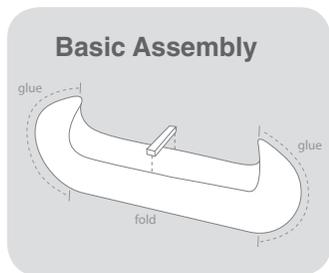## Basic Assembly

fold

glue

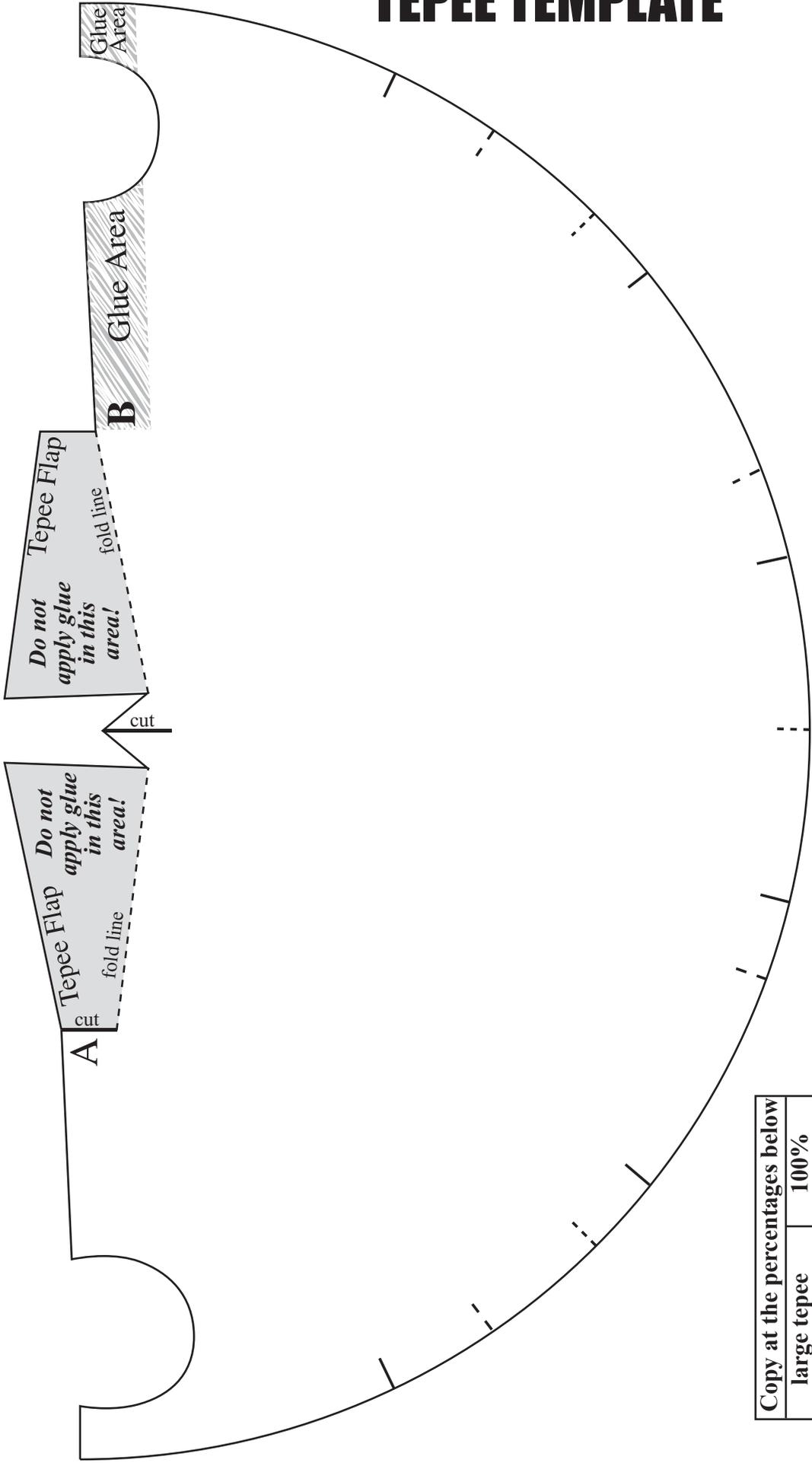glue sticks in place

Native American Canoe

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- Copy template on white paper, then cut out.
- Trace cutout on Construction Board, then cut out.
- Using Project Glue, assemble as shown.
- Paint, as desired.

TIP!
Use small stick inside Canoe to hold shape while drying.

Basic Assembly

glue

glue

fold

fold

A

cut

Tepee Flap

fold

Do not apply glue in this area!

cut

Do not apply glue in this area!

Tepee Flap

fold

B

glue

glue

Tepee Lodge Pole Guide

TEPEE TEMPLATE

Glue Area

B Glue Area

Tepee Flap

Do not apply glue in this area!

fold line

cut

A Tepee Flap

Do not apply glue in this area!

fold line

cut

Copy at the percentages below	
large tepee	100%
medium tepee	75%
small tepee	55%

Small marks around base of tepee are for pole placement.

Tepee Pole Guide

| = large tepee pole placement

╎ = medium tepee pole placement

╌ = small tepee pole placement