

LET YOUR LITTLE GUY IN ON THE
DIY TENT TREND! HELP HIM
WHIP UP THIS BASIC A-FRAME
AND HE'LL HAVE HIS MINI

MAN CAMP

STAKED OUT IN NO TIME!



this one's for the boys

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« Oh Flappy Day

This three-walled A-frame is a room with a view, thanks to a no-fuss window flap. We cut out an 18" x 11" rectangle on one side of the tent cover, folding the raw edges inward and stitching to secure. The tie-equipped cover is a separate piece of fabric.



» In Knots

No more messing with hard-to-find zipper pulls in the dark. We're keeping our tent flap open (to boys only, of course) with a matching strip of fabric tied to the frame. So come on in and rest a while—but only if you're part of the boys' club.

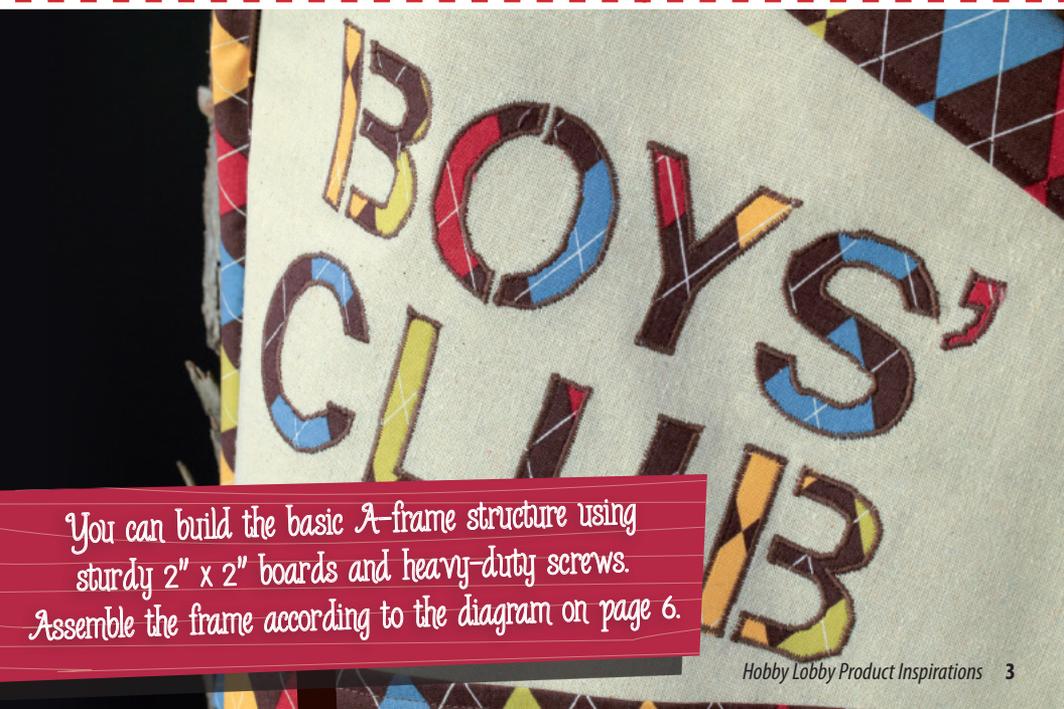


« Boy Howdy

How do you get your little dude to ditch the TV for some bona fide creative play? You build that boy a tent! Load up on manly, made-to-go-together prints, and stitch them to fit a basic A-frame. Then go nuts with fun details and bound-to-spark-his-imagination accessories. *Tip: The paddles are for decoration only. We built this mini man cave on a standard wooden frame.*

» Join the Club

When your little man stakes his simple-to-make pennant outside the tent, there will be no doubt that this DIY den is for the boys. Simply back the fabric letters with fusible web, and appliqué stitch them to a triangle of canvas.



You can build the basic A-frame structure using sturdy 2" x 2" boards and heavy-duty screws. Assemble the frame according to the diagram on page 6.

» Show Me a Sign

He's king of this fabric-covered fortress. It says so on the sign! Try whipping up a one-for-every-mood mix of these little placards for a distinctly personalized tent. You can use stenciled-on textile paint or fusible web-backed fabric for the lettering. *Tip: Button-on signs mean he can easily take one down and put up another.*

» Playing with Fire

Why spend precious time rubbing sticks between your hands to build a fire when you can make one ahead of time and bring it with you? The rocks and flames are stuffed felt, and the logs are rolled-up squares of felt with slits. And just like that, you have a perfect (and perfectly safe) campfire to sit and tell stories around.



Pillow Night Even the manliest men need to rest their heads on a soft spot after a full day of tent-building, faux-fire-making, keeping-the-girls-away fun. We think some comfy 16" pillows—made from the same fabric as the tent cover—should do quite nicely.



TENT STRUCTURE HOW-TO:

Supplies:

- Five 2" x 2" boards, each 4' in length
- Four 2" x 2" boards, each 5' in length
- Ten 1 3/4" Wood Screws
- Screwdriver or Power Drill
- Saw

- 1.** Measure and cut a series of 2" x 2" boards. You'll need four 5' pieces and five 4' pieces.

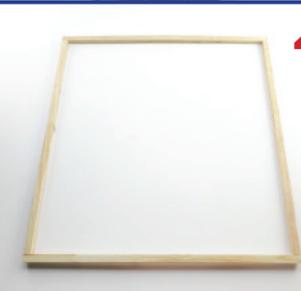


- 2.** Pre-drill and countersink to keep the wood from splitting and to keep the screws from protruding from the wood.



- 3.** To begin assembling the base of the frame, screw two 4' boards together, as shown.

- 4.** Screw the remaining 4' boards to the 4' boards from step 2 to create the square base for the frame.



- 5.** Measure and cut the ends of two 5' boards at a 45° angle.

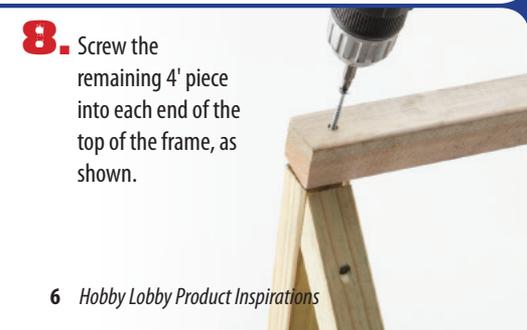
- 6.** Screw two 5' pieces (one with an angled end and one without) together to create a triangular end, as shown. Repeat with other two 5' pieces.



- 7.** Screw the pieces from step 6 into the bottom of the base on both sides, as shown.



- 8.** Screw the remaining 4' piece into each end of the top of the frame, as shown.



**Your
A- frame
is now
complete!**



TENT COVER HOW-TO:

Yardage:

Main fabric (*Stripes*): 7 ½ yards

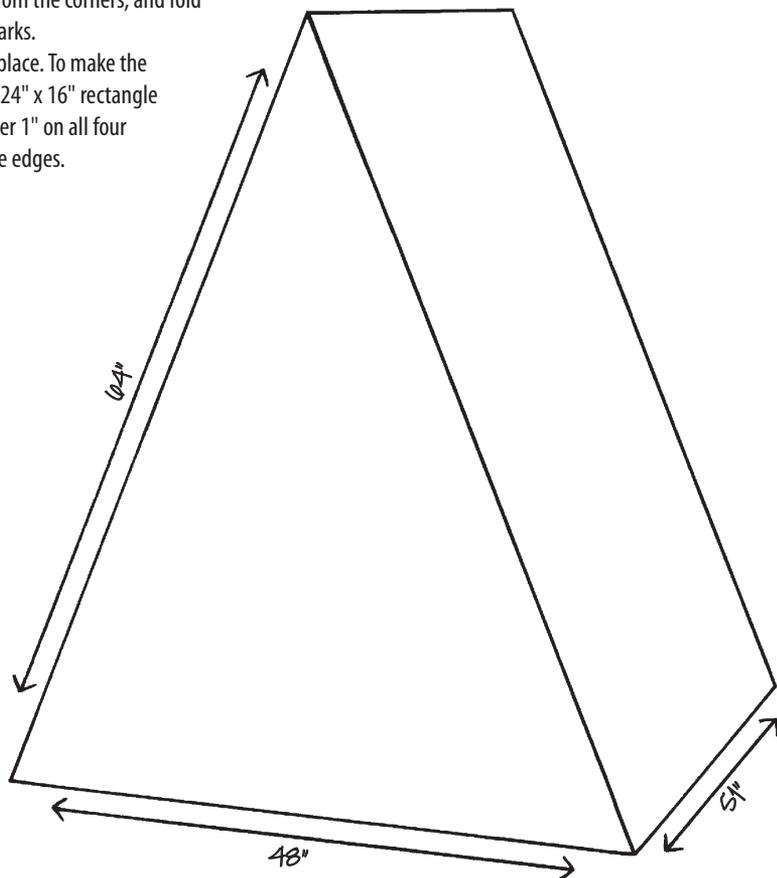
Secondary fabric (*Argyle*): 5 ¾ yards

Osnauburg (*Tent flap and sides*): 4 yards

Note: Use ½" seams throughout. Finish raw edges with a serger or a zigzag stitch.

- 1. Sides:** Cut two 43" x 65" pieces and two 10" x 65" pieces of the main fabric. Sew one 43" x 65" piece and one 10" x 65" piece together along the 65" side. Repeat to make the other side of the tent. In the center of one side piece, cut out an 18" x 11" rectangle—this will be the window. Mark 1" around the rectangle—it will measure 20" x 13". Cut diagonal slits from the corners, and fold inside along the marks. Press and stitch in place. To make the window flap, cut a 24" x 16" rectangle of fabric. Press under 1" on all four sides, and stitch the edges.

- 2. Window Flap Tie:** Cut two 2" x 40" strips of main fabric. Fold under ¼" on all four sides, and then fold in half again. Edge stitch together to make the ties. Fold the completed ties in half, and press. Place the fold of the ties in position at the top of the window flap, and pin in place. Half of the tie should be under the flap, and half should be over the flap. Place the flap (with the ties pinned in place) over the window opening, and sew through all the layers. Now sew the tent sides together at the top, along the 51" edge.

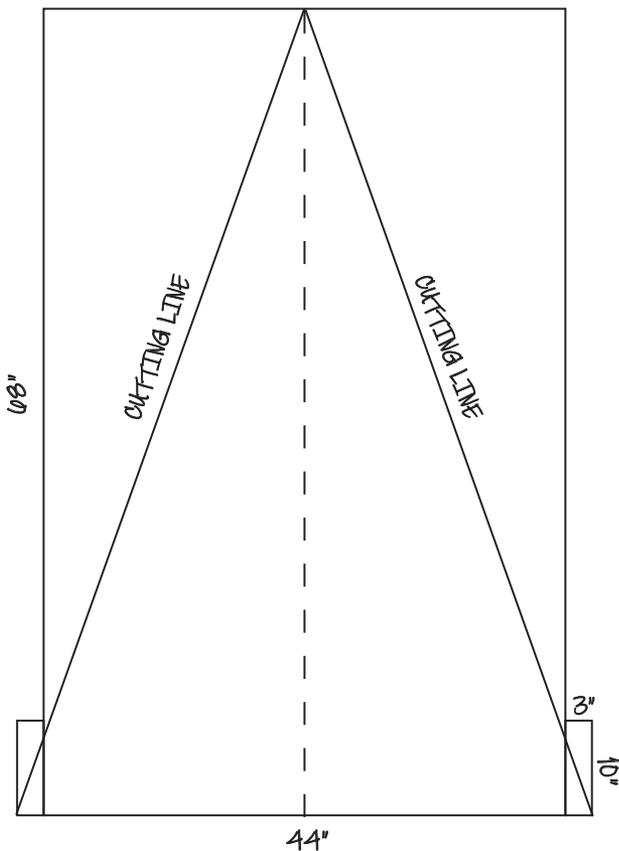


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3. Back: Cut one 44" x 68" piece of secondary (argyle) fabric and two 3" x 10" pieces. Place one 3" x 10" piece to the right of the main piece, lined up with the bottom. Sew together along the 10" edge. Place the other 3" x 10" piece on the left. Sew together along the 10" edge. To cut the back, fold this piece in half lengthwise, and cut as indicated in diagram below. Make the front the same way with Osnaburg

fabric, but after cutting the diagonal edges, cut on the center fold to make two separate pieces. Cut two 4" x 61" strips of argyle fabric for the front bands. Fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together, and sew them to the straight side of the two front pieces. Overlap top of flaps at the point. Sew the two front pieces and the back to the sides of the tent.



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