

Little Genius

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FREE PATTERN • **Little Genius Teepee** • Base approx: 49" x 49"
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Tiny Treasures - Fox and Friends Teepee

Finished Size: base is 49" square approximately
wof = width of fabric

Fabric requirements	Yards	Cutting Instructions
Fabric A - #21533-74 Green tossed	4 yards (non-directional print)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">See diagram for cutting.
Fabric B - #21536-24 Red print	¾ yards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cut 5 strips that are 5 inches wide for the pole supports. These will have to be joined as they are not long enough. See instructions below for further directions.
Four wooden dowels 1" diameter by 72" long		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Measure down 10" from one end of the dowel and drill a small hole (large enough for your twine to go through). Repeat for each of the 4 dowels.
Twine or small diameter rope	2 yards	
Four cap feet (for the bottom of the dowels to protect the floor)		

Cutting:

- Mark the measurements (indicated with an X on the cutting diagram) along each of the selvages. Make sure that the center of the 10" along the top of each side piece is aligned with the center of the 50" at the bottom. You may want to make the marks while the fabric is still folded in half as it came off the bolt. Note that the lower front is made of two sections as indicated on the cutting diagram.
- Using one of your dowels as a guide, draw lines to match up the marks.
- Using a rotary cutter, ruler and mat or scissors, carefully cut out the sections.
- Remove the selvages. Make sure that when trimming the selvages, you trim the same minimal amount from the top and bottom of each piece. Don't forget to trim the selvage from the top of the two front sections.
- Cut a piece measuring 19" by 10" for the top of the front section.

Hem the pieces:

Be careful when handling these pieces as you don't want to stretch the bias edges along the sides of the sections.

- Hem the long STRAIGHT edge of each of the two lower front sections. These two long edges create the opening in the front. For the hem on the long edges, I turned under ½" twice and stitched it in place with matching thread.
- Hem the bottom of the two lower front sections. For the hem on the top and bottom edges, I turned under ¼" once and stitched it in place with matching thread.
- Hem the top and bottom of the three side pieces in the same way that you hemmed the bottom of the lower front sections.

Making the front section:

- Place the two lower front sections on top of one of the side sections, matching up the long diagonal sides and the lower edge. The middle (the hemmed straight edge) of the two lower front sections will overlap by about 5" creating a flap for the door.
- Baste the overlapped edges together along the top edge. You may want to pin the flap edges together to make this section easier to work with. The top edge of this section should now measure approximately 18".
- Place the 19" by 10" top front right sides together along the top basted edge of the lower front section and sew the seam.
- Lay a side section on top of the front section. Draw a line and cut with scissors or use your rotary cutter to cut away the excess of the top front section. Make sure to leave a ¼" at the top so you can hem the top edge of the front.
- Hem the top edge of the front. Now the top of the front is the same shape as the three sides. All four sides should now have the same shape.

Joining the sections:

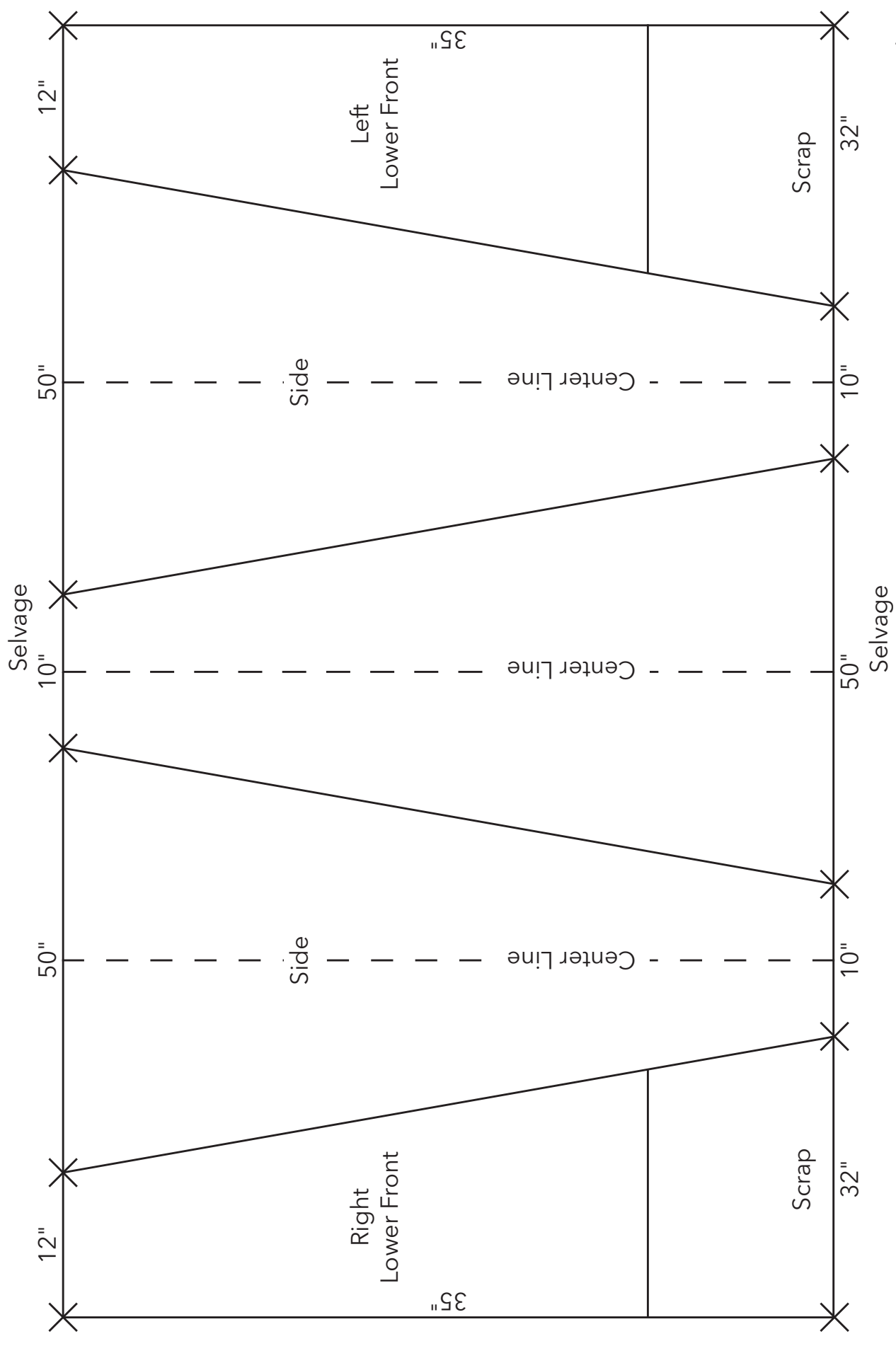
- Join two strips of the pole support fabric together. You can use a straight seam or a diagonal seam. Measure the length of the diagonal side of one of the pieces. It should measure approximately 47". All the diagonal sides should be the same measurement.
- Cut the strips slightly longer than the side measurement so you have enough fabric to hem the ends and still be the same length as the sides. You can do a single fold or a double fold hem - take that into account when you cut the lengths of the pole support fabric.
- Lay one of the side pieces out with the right side facing up. Fold the strip of pole support fabric in half with wrong sides together and lay it along the diagonal edge of the side piece lining up the raw edges of all the pieces. Lay one more side piece on top with right sides together, matching up the long diagonal seam. Pin well and stitch or serge the seam. Repeat on all four corners, making sure the top and bottom edges are matched up.

Finishing off:

- Thread the twine through the four holes in the dowels and tie a knot. You may want to wrap some of the excess twice around the knot. Cut away the excess twine.
- Slip the bottom end of each dowel through the top end of each pole support tube. You need to do all four corners at the same time so this can be a bit tricky. Insert the dowel all the way through the tubes.
- Add the cap feet if you purchased them and voila - you have a fabulous child's teepee.

NOTE: It is best to NOT prewash preprinted fabrics such as panels and border prints. The fabric goes through many processes to be delivered to the consumer and there may be some size variations. If you're unable to cut the panels to the size mentioned above, cut the pieces to a size that works for your panels and adjust any other measurements accordingly.

Little Genius Teepee Diagram



*Not to scale