

# Nature Card

## *Shelter Building*

One of three essential components of an animal's or human's habitat (home) is **shelter**. Let's try building a scale model of one.

### STEPS

1. Think of an animal or insect no larger than the size of your hand. The shelter will be for it.
2. You want your shelter to be strong and able to withstand weather. Consider what natural materials might work best and what you have available near your home.
3. Collect sticks, brush, grass, rocks, leaves or whatever natural things you think will work best.
4. Look for a dry, flat, solid area to serve as your foundation.



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5. What shape will your frame be? What material will it be made of? What will you use to cover the frame? Will the floor of your shelter have bedding?

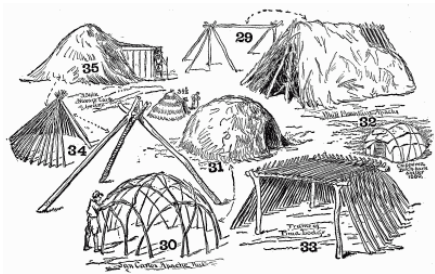
6. Would it help to sketch out your shelter first?

7. Now build!

Once the shelter is complete, test it out. Blow on it like a mighty wind - does it fall down? Get a glass of water and pour over the top of it - does it stay dry inside?

Try different models. What type of shelter would suit you?

### Native American Shelters



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