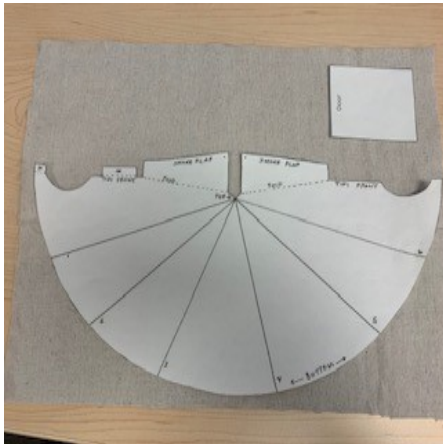


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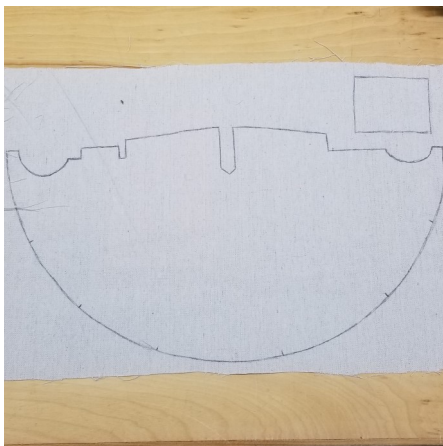
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Niitoyis (Blackfoot Lodge)

craft kit instructions



Step 1: Cut out your Niitoyis and door templates and lay on your piece of canvas.



Step 2: Trace the Niitoyis and door templates onto your piece of canvas. Make a small tick with your pencil around the base at the numbers 1-6. Cut out canvas shapes. You can run a glue stick around all the edges to prevent the canvas from fraying.



Step 3: Decorate your Niitoyis using the included design information guide. You can use wax crayons, pencil crayons, markers or paint. You will need to fold the smoke flaps down and decorate them as well.



Step 4: Flip your canvas to the undecorated side. Tape a skewer down at the base and then up 1" from the base at each pencil tick.



Step 5: Fold your Niitoyis in half and wrap the rubber band around all the skewers



Step 6: Stand your Niitoyis up, spread the base out into a circle by fanning out the skewers. Next, refer to your paper template as a guide and glue “tab B” to the underside of the opposite “Tipi front”. Glue “tab A” under flap on opposite side.



Step 7: Cut a tiny slit near the top edge of each smoke flap and insert a skewer from the back so it pokes through the front.



Step 8: Color the door flap and glue above the Niitoyis entrance.

Visit www.lethlib.ca to watch a video about how to make a Blackfoot Tipi (Niitoyis) with Emily Fox.

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Coming up this summer—Indigenous Storytimes and Rock Art Crafting. Stay tuned!