

Build a Teepee Fire

There are different ways to build campfires. They usually get their names from their shape. You can build a “teepee” fire by following these steps. Never light a fire without help from an adult, of course!

- 1 Place a large handful of **tinder** in the middle of a place that’s safe for fire building, like a fireplace or fire ring. Tinder burns as soon as it is lit with a match. It can be small dry twigs, dry leaves, or wood shavings.
- 2 Put larger sticks (called **kindling**) around the tinder and lean them on each other so they make a teepee shape. Kindling is about as wide as your thumb and should be so dry that it snaps when you bend it.
- 3 Make another circle around the kindling with larger sticks. These sticks are called **fuel**. Fuel is the thicker pieces of dry wood that keep a fire going.
- 4 Leave a small space on the side that faces the wind. This is where an adult will reach in to light the tinder on fire. This space will also help air get to the fire. A fire needs air to keep burning.

