

GET INVOLVED!

AMANDA GRIFFITHS

BUILD YOUR OWN TEEPEE

CREATE • BUILD • IMAGINE • PLAY



Amanda Griffiths, a Welsh artist living in Gloucestershire is well known for her vibrant surreal paintings but less so for her 3D work. The piece exhibited here is less complex though equally compelling and invites the viewer to think about the fragility and sanctity of home. Amanda is also a member of our education team.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

Amanda Griffiths creates artworks that make us think about home, shelter and the natural world.

Her teepee sculptures are simple but powerful. They remind us that home can be anywhere we feel safe, connected and cared for.

Using natural materials, a teepee is built with care and respect. It offers a space for rest, play and imagination.

Can you build your own teepee to create a special place for someone or something you care about?

GET CREATING!

Use the sticks and rope in this box to build your own teepee.

Think about:

- ★ Who will live in your teepee? A person? An animal? A magical creature?
- ★ What will they need inside?
- ★ What will their home look like?
- ★ What will make them feel safe and happy?

Add a small soft toy or treasure to live inside.

WHAT YOU NEED

- ★ Sticks of different lengths
- ★ Rope or string
- ★ A flat space
- ★ A small soft toy or treasure to live inside
- ★ Your imagination
- ★ A camera or phone (optional)

THINK LIKE AN ARTIST

As you build, think about:

- ★ What knots will help keep it strong?
- ★ How can your teepee stand tall and steady?
- ★ How will the sticks work together?
- ★ How can you make a beautiful and special space inside?

CHALLENGE CARDS

Can you:

- ★ Build a teepee that stands on its own?
- ★ Use just 6 sticks?
- ★ Make a teepee big enough for a toy to sit inside?
- ★ Decorate your sticks with natural patterns?
- ★ Work with a friend to build a bigger teepee together?

PHOTOGRAPH IT!



Take a photo of your teepee.

Who lives inside?

What is their name?

What adventures might they go on?

READY FOR THE NEXT MAKER?

Please:

- ★ Take your teepee apart
- ★ Return all the sticks and rope to the box
- ★ Leave everything ready for the next visitor

KNOT KNOWLEDGE

Try these knots to build a strong teepee:

- ★ Square Knot
- ★ Clove Hitch
- ★ Lashing Knot (ask a grown-up to help!)

EVERY GREAT HOME STARTS WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION AND A LITTLE IMAGINATION!

HAVE FUN ★ BE CREATIVE ★ BUILD ★ CARE