



HOW TO BUILD THE PERFECT BLANKET FORT

Remember, no two forts are alike and how you build it will depend on what you have at home but we've tried to pull together a loose guide to help you build your dream den.

Don't worry if you don't have all of the items below – be creative with the materials you have. Part of the fun is problem-solving and perseverance to make sure that you've built a fort that will stand the test of time!

Items that might come in useful –

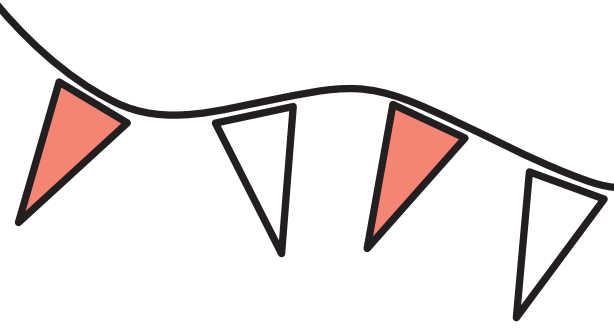
FOR THE OUTER STRUCTURE

- Bed sheets
- Blankets
- Couch cushions
- Dining room chairs
- A tall table
- An outdoor patio umbrella

TO HOLD IT ALL TOGETHER

- Pegs
- Clamps
- Clothesline
- Books (to hold blankets and sheets in place)
- Rope
- Rubber bands
- Duct tape





TIPS & HINTS

- Re-arrange furniture so you have enough floor space.
- Arrange your space so that your den faces the TV or make sure you leave space for a laptop or portable DVD player for fort film time!
- Use lightweight sheets or materials for the top for two reasons:
 - a. The heavier the blankets, the hotter the fort will get.
 - b. Heavy blankets are more likely to weigh everything down. You do NOT want your awesome fort to cave in when you begin nodding off to sleep!
- If you have one, string up a clothesline across the room. Tie it to curtain rods or door hinges, anything as long as it's sturdy.
- Clothes pegs or rubber bands are the perfect glue for holding pesky bed sheets and blankets in place.
- Pillows or books can be used as weights to hold fort walls in place.
- Use chairs or the sides of your sofa to drape blankets over.
- Make it comfy! Find as many heavy blankets and duvets as you can for the floor, the more you use, the more like a mattress your floor becomes.
- Create a nest to snuggle into with lots of pillows, cushion and teddies!

FINISHING TOUCHES

- Make your very own star projector using our step-by-step instructions.
- Pimp out your den by printing our Fort Night bunting or follow our simple guide to create your own instead.
- Use fairy lights and lanterns to create the perfect camp-fire feel.
- Be sure to equip your fort with lots of snacks – popcorn is a favourite!

DON'T FORGET

Once you've built your den, be sure to tune in for Fort Night fun on the private Facebook page just for our happy campers! If you haven't already, you'll find the link to the group page in your email inbox. We'll be streaming content throughout the day on Saturday 18th April to keep the kids (and big kids at heart!) busy in the run-up to bedtime.

You can invite your friends or family to create their own fort at home too – why not host a virtual sleepover for the kids to help them to stay connected with their friends from school!