



MIX & MATCH
A DELIGHTFUL
COLLECTION OF
FEMININE FABRICS, AND
THEN STITCH UP A PLAY TENT
THAT'LL SEND YOUR LITTLE LADY TO

Girlie Heaven!

this one's for the girls

{CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY®}



Pink Palace It's the mother of all play tents: house-shaped, pink from top to bottom and covered in frilly details. We pulled off the pretty with pink and blue damask, flirty coordinating gingham and a few pops of gorgeous puckered faux silk. Ahhh... welcome to girl world.



Room for Bloom

Home is in the details, ask any little lady. Try these simple add-ons.

- 1. Mini chandelier** (see page 2): It'll need to be lightweight, and you'll want to make sure your frame is built to support it. Installed safely and properly, it'll be the crown jewel of her play place.
- 2. Name patch:** Trim a square of fabric with lace, and spell out her name with iron-on letters. You can even make your own alphas with stencils, coordinating fabric and fusible web.
- 3. Pocket:** Add a little pouch to the front of the tent. It's a great place for secret messages, small toys or a bunch of daisies.

A vibrant, colorful play tent is the central focus. The tent's fabric features a repeating damask pattern in shades of blue, pink, and red. The interior is lined with a matching patterned fabric. A decorative, ornate metal lantern hangs from the top of the tent. Two young girls are peeking through the opening. The girl on the left has long brown hair and is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and a black ruffled skirt. The girl on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a patterned shirt with colorful designs. The tent is set up on a red surface, and a bowl of popcorn is visible on the floor inside. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, suggesting a fun, imaginative play environment.

She's In Score some major girl points with your favorite little diva with this dream of a DIY tent. It's like nothing she's seen on any toy store shelf, and trust us, nobody else on the block has one exactly like it.

Tip: Let her help you choose the fabric. Since our trendy prints are made to coordinate, you can bet whatever she picks is going to look great.

A photograph of a sofa with several pillows. The sofa has a blue and red floral patterned fabric. There are pillows with a red and white checkered pattern, a red and white striped pattern, and a blue and red floral pattern. In the foreground, a red and white checkered pillow has the name 'EMMA' embroidered on it in a blue and red floral font. The background shows a window with red and white striped curtains.

Piles of Posh Make her hideout the softest spot in the house with piles of made-to-match pillows. We carry pillow forms of every shape and size—and we've got a huge selection of sewing patterns to choose from.



» **Floor It** This adorable mat is a welcome addition to this girl world. Choose a coordinating off-the-shelf rug, and then add hand cut fabric letters, backed with fusible web. Just follow the manufacturer's instructions to iron them into place.



» All Together

A lace-trimmed pillow can always make a little lady smile. So can fluffy ruffles, shiny buttons—oh, and sequins! It's the one-of-a-kind girly details (no matter which ones you choose) that will make this tent her favorite place to play. Now, go forth and embellish!

» Pane Free

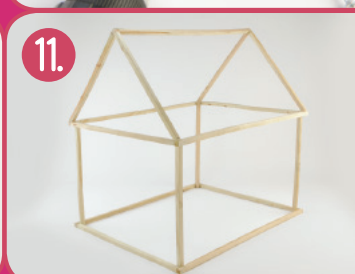
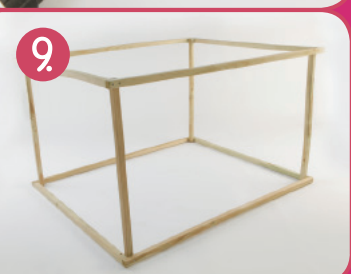
Every girl loves a room with a view—so give her a little window! We used mesh to stand in for glass and strips of gingham fabric to mimic panes.

We built the frames with 2" x 2" boards, secured with heavy-duty screws. Assemble according to the diagram on page 7.

Tent Structure How-To:

Supplies:

- Four 2" x 2" boards, each 4' in length
- Five 2" x 2" boards, each 5' in length
- Eight 2" x 2" boards, each 3' in length
- Ten 1 3/4" Wood Screws
- Screwdriver or Power Drill
- Saw



1.-3. Carefully mark and cut a series of 2" x 2" boards. You'll need five 5' pieces, eight 3' pieces and four 4' pieces.

4.-5. Cut the ends of four 3' pieces to 45° angles. Set aside.

6.-7. Screw two 4' pieces and two 5' pieces together to create the bottom of the frame. Repeat for the top of the frame.

Tip: Countersink the screws to keep the screw heads from protruding from the wood.

8.-9. Screw four 3' pieces (not the angled pieces) to the top and bottom of the frame, as shown.

10.-11. Screw remaining 3' pieces to the top of the frame in A-shapes, as shown, with angled ends at the bottom. Then screw the remaining 5' piece at the points, as shown.

Girlie Tent How-To:

Use $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams throughout. Serge or finish raw edges if desired.

Yardage:

Main fabric: 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards

Faux silk (contrast): 3 yards

Gingham (contrast): 6 yards

Sides: Cut out the sides from the main fabric as follows: Cut two pieces 44" x 40" (one for each side). Cut two pieces 18" x 40" (one for each side). Sew one 44" x 40" piece to one 18" x 40" piece along the 40" side. Repeat with the other two pieces. You should have two pieces measuring 44" x 40".

Ruffles: Cut six pieces 16" x 44" from each of the three fabrics. Sew three pieces of like fabric together along the 16" side. Hem the side and bottom edges. Repeat with the other fabrics. You should finish with a total of six ruffles: two ruffles of each of the three fabrics, one set of three for each side of the tent.

Roof: From the main fabric, cut two pieces measuring 44" x 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (one for each side). Cut two pieces measuring 18" x 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (one for each side).

Back: From the main fabric, cut one piece 44" x 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut two pieces 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 45".

Front Flaps: From the main fabric, cut two pieces measuring 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Front Flap Ruffles: From gingham, cut six pieces measuring 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44" (three for each side). Sew three pieces together along the 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " side. Hem the sides and bottom. Gather the top edge.

Front Flap Tie-Backs:

Cut four pieces 6" x 36".

Back Window:

From netting, cut one piece 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 20".

Windowpanes:

From the gingham, cut two pieces 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44". For the window frame, cut two pieces 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 44".

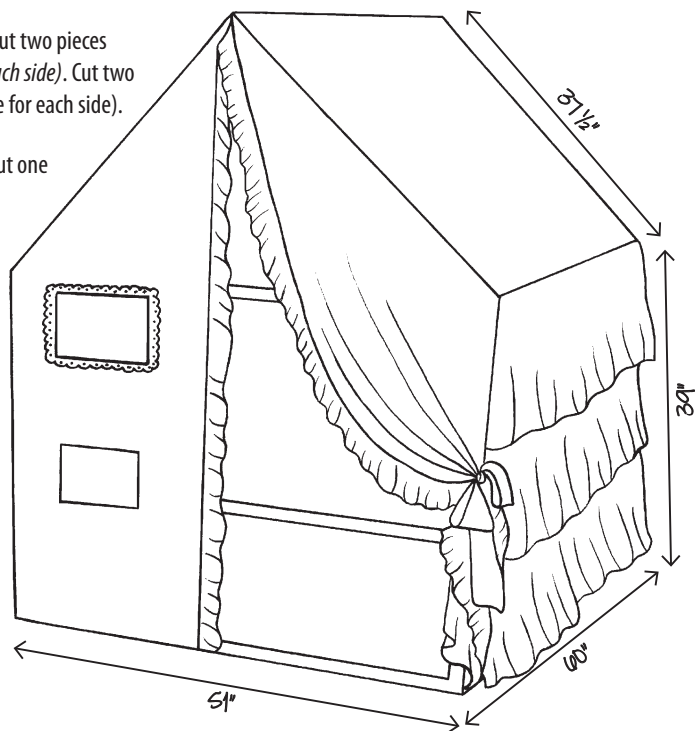
Netting: Cut one piece 16" x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Sign: From faux silk, cut one piece measuring 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Pocket: Cut one piece, measuring 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Lace Trim Around the Sign:

Cut one yard of wide eyelet trim.

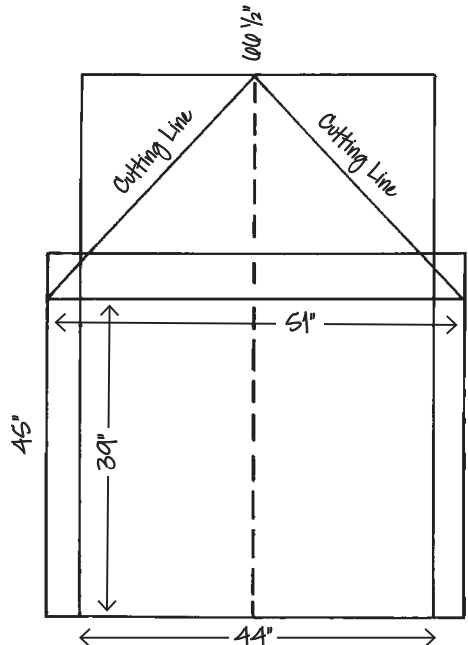


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1. Begin by making a $\frac{1}{2}$ " hem on the sides and bottom of each ruffle by pressing the edges under $\frac{1}{4}$ ", then folding over another $\frac{1}{4}$ " and stitching.
2. Make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " hem on the bottom edge of the tent sides and the tent back.
3. To attach the ruffles, measure up 13" from the bottom of the tent side. Fold and press a crease. Measure up 13" from this fold and press another crease. You will attach the lower ruffles along these creases.
4. Make a gathering stitch along the top edge of the gingham ruffle. Place the wrong side of the ruffle on the right side of the tent side. Pin in place along the crease, beginning $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the side and ending $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the opposite side. Adjust the gathers to fit and stitch.
5. Attach the center (*main fabric*) ruffle in the same way, placing it along the other crease.
6. Attach the top (*faux silk*) ruffle, placing it along the top edge.
7. Repeat for the other side of the tent.
8. Sew one $44" \times 38\frac{1}{2}"$ piece to one $18" \times 38\frac{1}{2}"$ piece for each side of the roof, so it measures $38\frac{1}{2}" \times 61"$. Sew the roof pieces together along the top.
9. Sew a $4\frac{1}{2}"$ strip of fabric to each side of the main back piece, then cut out piece according to diagram A ($66\frac{1}{2}"$ at the point, $51"$ across, and $39"$ on the sides before the angle to the roof begins).
10. To make the window, cut a $14\frac{1}{2}" \times 19"$ opening in the center of the tent back. Fold the edges under $\frac{1}{4}"$ on each side of the $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 44"$ gingham strips. Sew the strips to the netting in a windowpane pattern, cutting the long strip of gingham where necessary. Now sew the netting with the windowpanes in place on the tent, then pin and sew the wider gingham strips ($1\frac{3}{4}" \times 44"$) on top, covering the edges of the netting.
11. Pin the tent back to the roof, matching the center back point to the top seam of the roof. Pin the tent sides to the tent back, keeping the ruffles free and the bottom edges even. Stitch.

DIAGRAM A



Girlie Tent How-To:

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12. For the front flaps, measure up 39" from the bottom of the $27\frac{1}{2}$ " x $67\frac{1}{2}$ " piece, then draw an angle up to the top point of the fabric ($66\frac{1}{2}$ "). Cut, using diagram B for reference. Repeat for other flap, making sure to angle the opposite direction.
13. Make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " hem on the bottom of each flap. Stitch three of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 44" gingham strips together along the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " side. Hem the sides and bottom, then gather the top edge. Pin the ruffle along one front flap, with right sides together. Adjust the gathers, and stitch. Repeat for the other flap.
14. Place name on sign, using your favorite appliqué method. Satin stitch around letters if desired. Fold the edges of the name sign under $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press. Pin lace around the edges and baste in place. Place where desired on flap and pin. Stitch, catching both the sign and lace.
15. For the pocket, fold the edges under $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press. Topstitch the top edge. Pin to the front flap, making 1" tucks on the bottom corners. Stitch the sides and the bottom. The pocket can be used for flowers or mail.
16. For flap tie-backs, cut four 6" x 36" pieces. Fold each in half lengthwise with right sides together and stitch along one short end and the long side. Turn right side out and press. Pin one tie-back to each side corner of the tent. Pin the flaps to the tent, matching the top peak, the center of the roof, and the side points. Pin the other tie-backs on the inside corners. Stitch the flaps, catching the ties in the seam, having one inside and one outside.

DIAGRAM B

