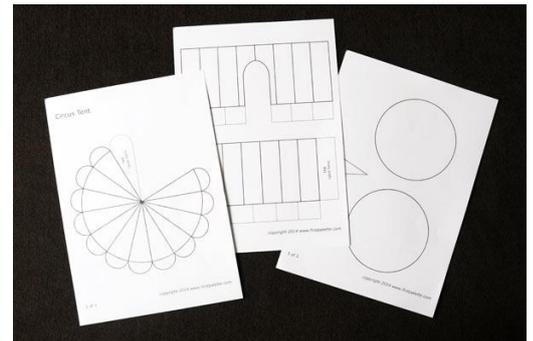# How to make the Paper Circus Tent

1. **Print out the template.**
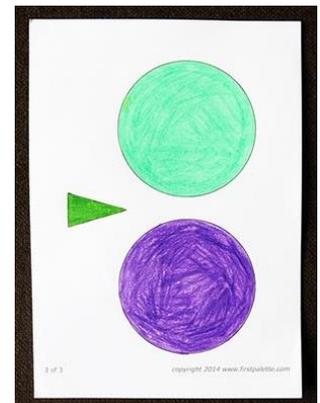   Print out the circus tent template on A4 card

2. **Colour the template.**

Circus tents commonly come in red and white or red and yellow striped patterns, but you can always go with your own colour combinations. Colour the pieces on the first two pages. Leave out the tabs (the sections bordered by dashed lines) on all three template pieces.

The third page consists of one small triangle and two big circles. These are your tent's flag and floor, respectively. Colour them with your preferred colours.

3. **Cut out the template.**
    Cut out all six template pieces:

4. **Apply glue on the top's tab.**
   Take the pizza-shaped template—this is the circus tent's top or roof. Apply glue on the tab area.

5. **Form the top into a cone.**
   Transform the circus tent top template into a cone by gluing the tab behind the opposite wedge.

6. **Fold down the flaps.**
   Fold down the flaps along the bottom edge of the tent's top.

7. **Make the flag's stem**
   Cut a 3-inch long piece of pipe cleaner and make a small loop on one end. Apply white glue just above the loop.

8. **Position the pipe cleaner.**
   Punch a small hole at the tip of the cone-shaped top. Insert the pipe cleaner through the hole from the inside of the cone. Pull it all the way through until the loop touches the paper. The glue above the loop should fix the pipe cleaner in place.

9. Glue the flag

Glue the small triangle at the tip of the pipe cleaner to create a flag for your circus tent.

10. Cut fringes on the tent walls.

The two long template pieces are the tent walls. Cut along the dashed lines at the bottom of each wall template to create fringes.
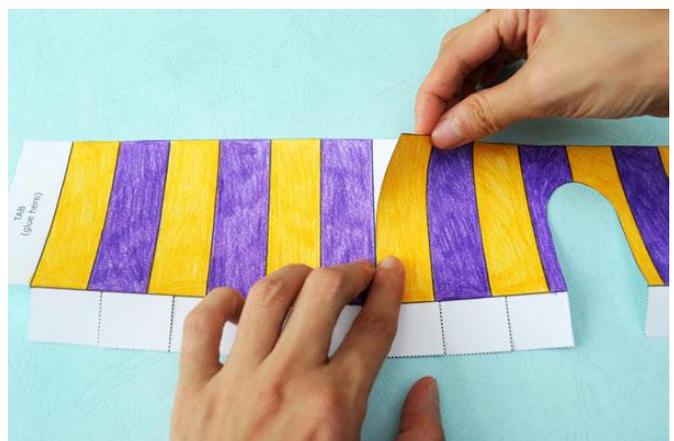

11.   Fold the fringes.

Fold each fringe towards the back to create a crease at the top of the fringe. Unfold.
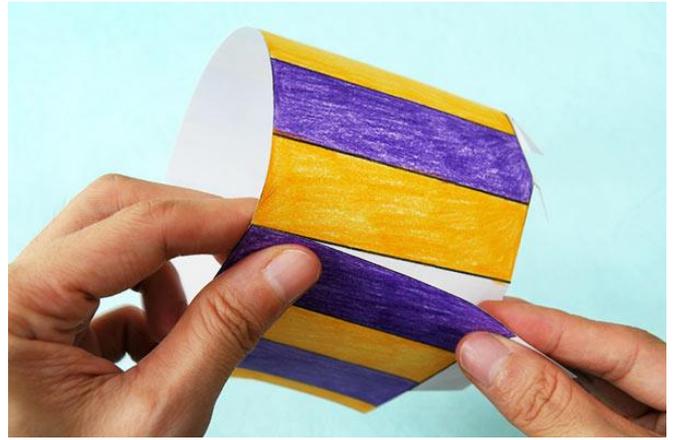
12. Glue the walls together.

Glue the two wall templates together along one side tab.

13. Form the walls into a cylinder.

Glue the wall's other side tab behind the opposite end of the template to form a cylindrical-shaped tent body.

14. Tuck the fringes in.

Place the tent body on a flat surface, with the fringes folded on the inside. You will notice that it's not a perfect cylindrical shape. To make it rounder, we need to a add a round base at the bottom.

15. Glue a circle inside the tent.

Apply glue at the back of one of the circle templates. Place the circle inside the tent body. Press around the outside of the walls close to the base to cause the corners of the fringes to wrap around the circle. Press down on the entire circle to glue the fringes firmly in place.

16. Glue the other circle.

Position the tent body with the bottom side up. Glue the second circle on top of the fringes. This circle makes the base sturdier and also conceals the fringes.

17.   Assemble the circus tent.
Finish up by putting the circus top and tent body together. You can glue the top permanently or use it as a removable lid.

18. Make some circus characters.
Create a super fun circus with some clowns and circus characters. Colour and cut out each character.

To make them stand, cut out L-shaped tabs out of cardboard or cardstock. Glue one at the back of each character to make it stand. Refer to the leftmost character on the photo.