

Vine Teepee



Children love to help tend and plant.



◀ Small seating areas provide a perfect hideaway inside teepees.



◀ Fabric decorates this teepee in cooler months before the vines grow over it.

Vine teepees are structures of six poles, six to eight feet long, made of bamboo, sturdy branches, or painted PVC. The poles are secured at the top and covered with climbing vines. Choose vines native to your area to provide food for butterflies, birds, and other wildlife. Teepees create mysterious, natural, private, child-sized spaces.

For more detailed instructions, see the [NLI Info Sheet "Creating a Vine Teepee"](#)

MATERIALS

- Bamboo or painted PVC poles
- Zip ties
- Step ladder
- Sitting rocks or logs
- Twine and sticks for cross-pieces
- Vines to plant around the perimeter. Try vines native to your area or edible vines such as squash or beans.

1. Find a location for a circle at least 6 feet in diameter.
2. Gather bamboo or other rod-like materials.
3. Use 4 poles tied together, then add more poles to stabilize.
4. Add cross-pieces of twine and sticks for the vines to climb.
5. Plant climbing vines around the base and train them up the teepee.