



Sample Text and Instruction

Make a copy of the master template dwelling frame. Students cut out the parts. Keep them in an envelope or a sealable plastic bag. Align and outline the parts on a piece of cardboard. Cut out the cardboard pieces. Repeat this as often as necessary to have enough parts for the number of dwellings desired. Use the corner of a desk to shape the cardboard parts by grasping the part between your hands. One hand on each end. Starting at the top of the desk pull the part across the edge and down. This should give the part a curved effect. This step must be repeated until all the parts are pliable and they fit along the edges. Start with just two pieces and tape them together from bottom to top. Use masking tape. Keep adding pieces until the dwelling is formed. You may have to use scissors to trim the edges and provide a smoke hole in the top. Tape the inside and outside. Tape the dwelling to the display board. Research the Coahuiltecan and find out the types of materials they used to cover their dwelling. What was the real dwelling frame made from? You may want to gather twigs or grass to use as a more realistic covering. You can cut construction paper or brown paper bags to resemble the covering materials. Paste this material on with white paste. Wait till the first pieces dry enough to stay without you holding them before you apply the next layer. Start at the bottom and overlay the materials so that rain would drip off. Make sure you look at the geographical region these people were in to insure that you use or replicate only indigenous plants. Most peoples were spread out over a region which will allow for some variety and difference even between close family groups. . . .