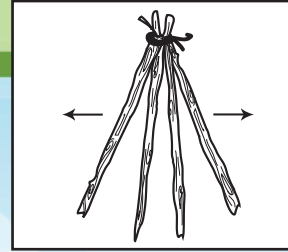
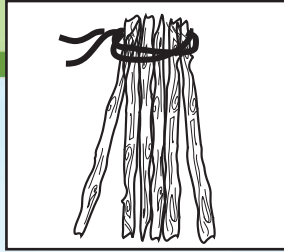
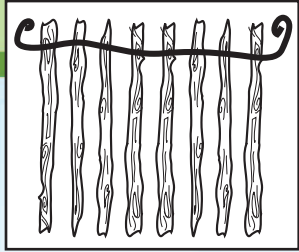


How to make a Garden Bean Teepee



Spring is the perfect time for families to work together to grow a garden. Growing a bean teepee is a fun way to garden, and to reap your efforts since it results in a magical hideaway for your children to visit. Plus, it's a great way to grow enough beans to feed your family throughout the summer. Jack made his beanstalk out of magical beans. As soon as the weather warms up, you can grow yours out of pole bean seeds.

What you'll need:

- Packet of pole bean seeds
 - Twine
 - Five 12-ft. bamboo poles or five branches about 1" round and 10-ft. long or a pyramid garden trellis available at a garden store or greenhouse
 - Scissors
 - Shovel
1. Scope out a 6-sq.-ft. area to set up your teepee. Break up large clods of soil and rake the area smooth before planting your pole bean seeds.
 2. Form a pyramid using all of the sticks or bamboo poles and push the ends into the ground. Be sure to leave an open area large enough to serve as a door. Secure the sticks together at the top of the teepee with heavy twine. Using more twine, create webbing for the plants to climb up.
 3. Go to your local garden center to purchase bean pole seeds. **Note: Do Not use sweet peas since their seeds are poisonous if ingested.** Soak the bean seeds overnight. The next day, plant each seed about 1-½" deep into the soil at 3" apart around the outside of the teepee's base. Plant at least six seeds and water generously.
 4. As the plants begin to grow tall, tie the stems carefully around the twine webbing. In about six to eight weeks, the bean plants will surround the teepee and you will have a magical fortress to visit and fresh beans to eat. Harvest the beans often to keep the plants producing more. The beans will continue to grow all summer long up until it gets cold outside.