Build Your Own Tabernacle in an Hour

Create your own...

With the help of a group of students, this cut-out paper model of the tabernacle will allow you to build a complete model of a tabernacle in about an hour.

Materials Needed

- Color printer
- Heavy paper
- Adhesive Tape
- Scissors
- 24”x28” poster board (a.k.a. Bristol board)

Directions

1. Print out this document. Heavier paper will fold and support weight better.
2. With a scissors, cut out the tabernacle furniture and build each piece by following the fold lines.
3. Place the outer wall pieces around the perimeter of the poster board.
4. Fold and place the four coverings over the top of the tabernacle.
5. Arrange the tabernacle items according to the diagram to the right.
See Exodus 25-30 for complete details.

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Attach the smoke inside the altar.
The Ark of the Covenant

The ark of the covenant was the centerpiece of the tabernacle. It is housed in the Holiest of All. Two seraphim creatures are arched over the mercy seat.

Inside the Ark were placed three special objects: tablets of the law, a jar of manna and Aaron’s rod.

Tables of the Law (inside the ark)

Aaron’s Rod (inside the ark)
Fold vertical.

Jar of Manna (inside the ark)
Cut one line to the center and fold this tab under.

Place the water inside the cone.

The base of the laver is a strip of paper rolled into a cylinder.
Veil—place inside the tabernacle as the door to the Holiest of All.

Door of the courtyard—place at the entrance of the courtyard.
Overlap here with the other half of the outer shell.

Tape or staple both sides together and tape to the ground.

Roof top

Fold along the top of the boards.

Walls Part 1

Fold along the top of the boards for best results. Print the walls on heavy paper or card stock for added strength. You can also add strength to the walls by taping the ends of the tabernacle with extra tape.

Overlap here with the other half of the outer shell.
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Tape or staple both sides together.

Roof top

Fold along the top of the boards

Fold and tape to the ground.
Walls Part 3—Back end of the tabernacle behind the Holiest of All.

Fold and tape to the ground.

Roof top

A view of the interior of the tabernacle before the veil has been placed in front of the Holiest of All.
Covering 1 - linen
Covering 2 - goats hair
Covering 3 - ram skin died red.
Covering 4 - Outer covering. Badger Skin (Porpoise Skin?)