Circus Tent

Background:

The modern circus tent was developed in the 19th century. These tents were created to accommodate a variety of crowd sizes and served to protect the audience from the elements. Due to their simple design and light materials, these tents were easily transported and assembled.

Directions:

1. Print out the circus template. Cardstock works best, but regular paper is fine.

2. Color your circus template. Do not color the four sections to the right of the **"cut"** label on the circular piece.

3. Cut out your template pieces . Take the circular template and cut a slit from the edge to the center of the circle where it is labeled **"cut".**

4. Apply glue along the four uncolored sections of the circular pieces. Overlap four of the colored sections over the four uncolored sections, making a cone shape. This is the roof of your tent. Then, fold the flaps at the edge of the template downwards.

5. Take one of each picture and glue it to the inside of the body of your tent.

6. Connect and glue the two remaining template pieces together to form the body of the tent.

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