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# Homes and Houses

An Aboriginal traditional home could be many things – simply a shady place under a tree; a cave to give shelter from the sun or from rain; a simple lean-to made of branches used for a day; or a bigger and stronger shelter measuring up to 30 metres, re-used year after year. Some Aboriginal people in Victoria even built semi-permanent homes out of stone. However, most homes were used for a day to a month.

Therefore homes had to be quick, simple and easy to erect as the group may not spend more than a few days at any particular place. Also many other important activities required their time (eg gathering food, hunting, dancing, art, ceremonies and making weapons and tools).

Task:

- *Read the information about traditional homes.*
- *Sketch 2 different types of homes into your book.*
- *Make a model of one of these homes using natural materials. Place your model onto something sturdy eg meat-tray.*
- *Make a tag for your model explaining what it is and how you made it.*

