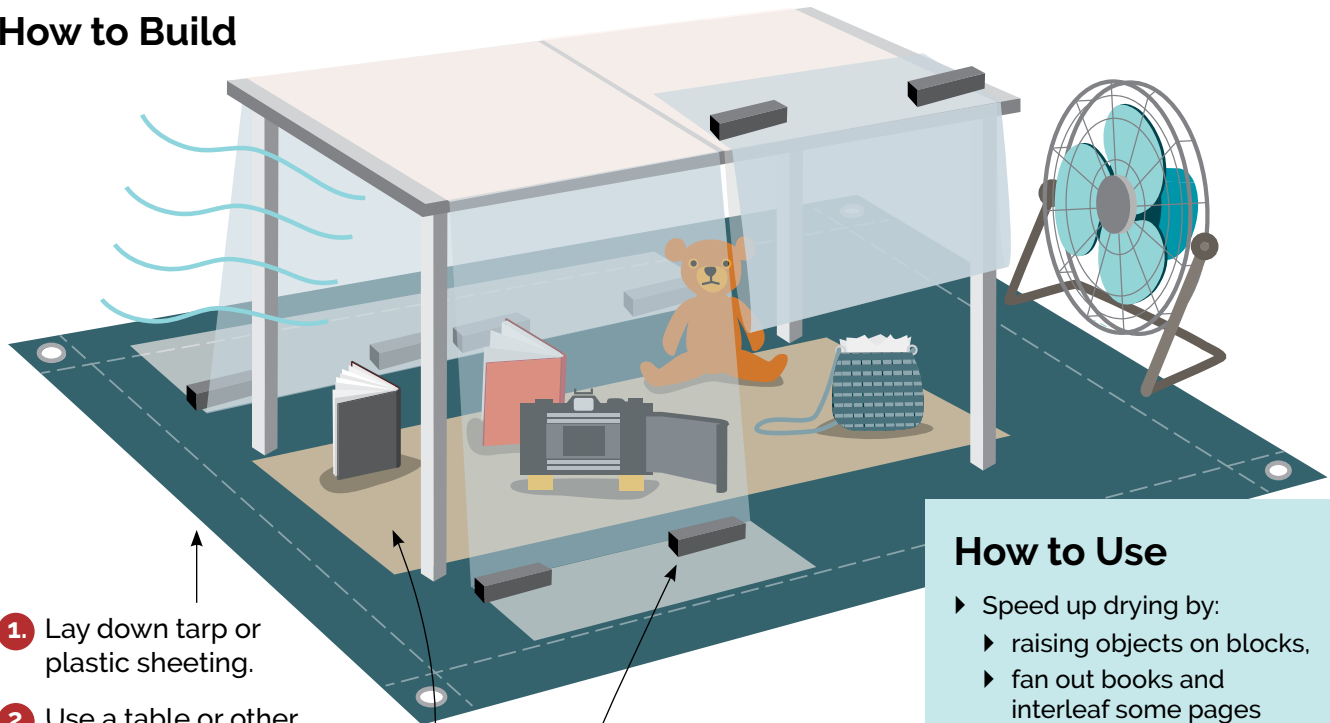# HOW TO:
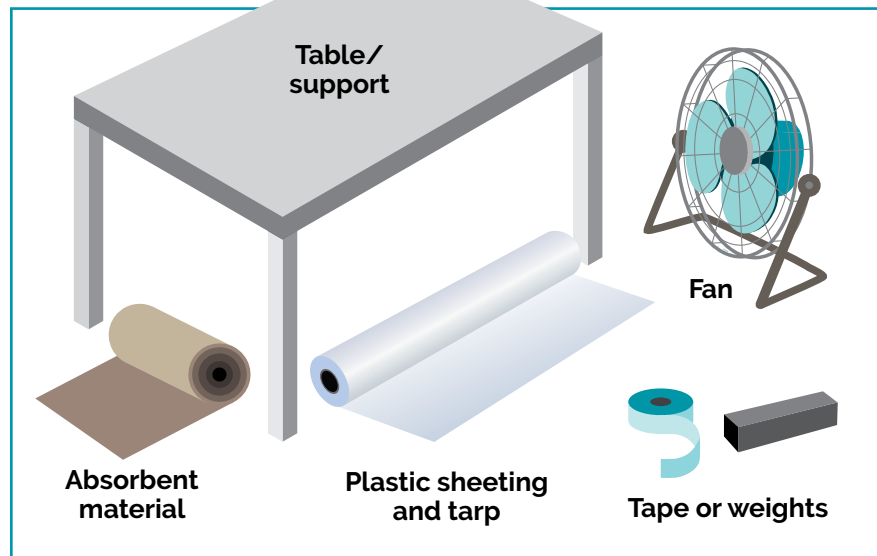# Build and Use a Tunnel to Quickly Dry Collections

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How to Build

1. Lay down tarp or plastic sheeting.

2. Use a table or other support covered in plastic sheeting to create a tunnel, ensuring you have side access to objects.

3. Lay sheets of absorbent material inside tunnel.

4. Secure the plastic sheeting to the tarp using weights or tape.

5. Put a fan at one end, set on low, non-oscillating, no heat.

How to Use

- Speed up drying by:
  - raising objects on blocks,
  - fan out books and interleaf some pages with absorbent materials,
  - stuff interior spaces of bags, baskets and clothing with absorbent materials,
  - and turn over objects as they dry.
- Monitor for mould.
- Remove objects when dry to make space.

Supplies

Table/support

Fan

Absorbent material

Plastic sheeting and tarp

Tape or weights

Don't Use For

Paintings

Wooden objects

Mouldy objects