A party planner is designing a conical canvas tent for a child's birthday party. The tent has no floor, and it has a radius of 3 ft , a perpendicular height of 4 ft , and a slant height of 5 ft . If canvas sells by the square yard only, for $\$ 23.00 / \mathrm{yd} 2$, how much will the material cost?

## Solution



We are given

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r=3 \mathrm{ft} \\
& l=5 \mathrm{ft} \\
& h=4 \mathrm{ft}
\end{aligned}
$$

According to Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cone (geometry)\#Surface Area

The lateral surface of a cone is:

$$
S A=\pi r l
$$

Calculating

$$
S A=3.14 * 3 * 5=47.1 f t^{2}
$$

So we need $47.1 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$ of material to make the conical tent without floor.

Converting $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$ into $\mathrm{yd}^{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1 y d=3 \text { feet } \\
& 1 \text { feet }=\frac{1}{3} y d \\
& 1{f t^{2}}^{2}=\frac{1}{9} y d^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus:

$$
S A=47.1 f t^{2}=\frac{47.1}{9} y d^{2}=\mathbf{5 . 2 3 3} \boldsymbol{y} \boldsymbol{d}^{2}
$$

As canvas sells by the square yard only we should by $6 \boldsymbol{y} \boldsymbol{d}^{2}$ of it.

It will cost:

$$
6 * 23=\$ 138
$$

Answer:

