



SOLACE II

Bell tent

PITCHING INSTUCTIONS



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Thank you for purchasing our Solace bell tent- you will need two people to pitch this tent.

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Open both bags and layout all the items- you should have: 1 x steel upright pole, 1 x arched front door pole, 1 x canvas tent (the groundsheet is already attached), 2 x inner tents, 14 x angled steel pegs & 14 pin steel pegs



Lay out the canvas, and peg out the base of the tent (using the pin pegs) in a circular format loosely, positioning the door away from the prevailing wind. (the tent comes with the groundsheet attached to

Peg out the walls using the "pin" pegs, moving from opposite side to side, to make sure the tent is pulled out evenly.

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Position the upright pole in the centre of the dome & push up (it's best to have support here)

Position the "A" frame pole on the inside of the door, with the spike through the canvas eyelet & tie in position

Moving to the outside, starting from the front (and working back to front, then side to side) peg out the guy lines. Make sure the centre upright pole remains vertical at all times.

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Spread the inners out on each side of the tent. Attach the top clip to the loop on the steel upright pole

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Attach the corner using the colour coded clips, and work your way round to the rear of the tent, for each inner.

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Make sure inners are taught and that zips are free running.

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Make sure all external pegging loops are pegged out

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The outside window covers can be rolled up for extra ventilation

Packing up- just the reverse of pitching (you can leave the inners and groundsheet attached, but it will be more difficult to pack away and dry off if they are damp).



Unclip and remove both inners.



Remove angled doorway pole, remove upright pole (you may find this easier if you loosen the guylines, remove all pegs.



Fold the tent up, measuring the width of the bags / poles, as this will make it easier to pack.

Taking care of your products.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRE-WEATHERING CANVAS & POLYCOTTON TENTS.

Canvas / Cotton is a natural fabric, and as such with the right care and TLC, will last for years. Being natural it needs a little bit of nature to assist in its "curing", so that the fibres swell and seal. During this period the canvas will change colour as it absorbs then dissipates the moisture.

When canvas tents are manufactured the sewing process forces thread (cotton) through two or more layers of canvas and leaves holes through the canvas where water can enter early in the tent's life. THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM OR A FAULT. The thread used in the sewing process is designed to swell after being soaked with rain and then dried by the sun. When the process is complete, the thread entirely fills the space eliminating water entry.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THE PRE-WEATHERING PROCESS:

PART ONE:

Canvas / Cotton tents need to be soaked through with constant 'rain' (watering with a hose is sufficient). 2/3 hours is essential to the conditioning process of canvas and seams.

PART TWO:

Drying out in the sun. This important step swells the cotton thread and shrinks the canvas around it forming a watertight seal. This watertight seal will last the life of the tent.

It is worth the effort to erect the tent in the garden ahead of substantial rain to weather it prior to going camping to ensure a dry comfortable trip.

After a few year of use you will need to re-proof your tent- we suggest the use of Storm reproofing products- www.stormwaterproofing.com

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