

# Custom Lab Guide



# Alpacka Raft Custom Lab

Design your dream Alpacka Raft. The Custom Lab gives you access to our widest range of fabrics, colors, build configurations, and add-ons. Build a Classic with better whitewater performance by adding a backband and thigh straps. Or make a super tough side-country Wolverine with 420d Nylon and no Cargo Fly. Or design your dream adventure boat with a Custom Multi-Color Expedition. We cut and build each custom Alpacka Raft to order in our Mancos, Colorado factory. **Once your custom order is confirmed and paid, we do not accept any modifications, returns, or exchanges. Please allow 8-14 weeks for your order to ship from the date of payment.**

## How to Order

### STEP 1

Download the fillable Order Form and Custom Lab Worksheet for your desired model from the Custom Lab section of our website.

### STEP 2

Use the Custom Lab Worksheet to build your dream raft. (Hint: Print a copy and use markers to try out different color selections)

### STEP 3

Email your completed Order Form and Custom Lab Worksheet to [info@packrafteurope.com](mailto:info@packrafteurope.com)

### STEP 5

Start planning adventures! Custom Lab packrafts are built in small batches and lead times vary, but may take up to 10-14 weeks from payment to shipment.

**Once your order has been paid, we do not accept any modifications, returns, or exchanges.**

### STEP 4

Our Customer Service specialists will email you an invoice with a payment link. The build process begins when you submit your payment.



## CUSTOM LAB OPTIONS SUMMARY

**Colors and Fabrics:** Specific color choices for each fabric are shown on the Custom Lab Worksheets for each model.

- **Single Color 210d:** One color of our 210d fabrics. Custom Scout and Caribou models have the option of using standard 210d and our lightweight 210d fabrics, as shown on the Custom Lab Worksheets for those models. All other models are not available in lightweight 210d.
- **Bi-Color Pattern 210d:** Two colors of our 210d fabrics in an alternating pattern like the Fireweed and Forget-Me-Not colors. You must select the primary and secondary color. Primary color will be the A|J|C|H|E|F. Secondary Color will be the B|I|D|G and CB|CF panels.
- **Multi-Color 210d:** Any combination of colors in our standard\* 210d fabrics. You select the color for each panel on the boat.
- **Single Color 420d:** One color of our 420d Nylon Fabrics including 330d Kuia Verde 2.0. We will not do multi-color 420d models due to the low volume of cutting for 420d.
- **Vectran:** Any combination of colors in either 400d or 200d Vectran (no mixing of deniers) fabric. Customer must select the color for each panel on the boat. Vectran supplies are extremely limited and color options may change without notice.

### **Build Options:**

- **Open:** The Open configuration is our simplest, lightest, and most economical build configuration. It is perfect for anything where you don't need the extra protection and performance of a spray deck or self-bailer.
- **Cruiser Deck:** The Cruiser Deck is available on the Classic and Mule models. The Cruiser Deck functions as a splash guard and will keep you drier and warmer than an open boat in splashy water, wind, and rain, but is not as dry as the whitewater decks. The deck features a Velcro closure along the left side which easily comes apart in the event of a wet exit. When not in use, the deck rolls away to the right and is secured with a low-profile slot and toggle system but is not removeable.
- **WW Deck:** The Whitewater Deck is our driest and warmest configuration. It is ideal for all water types in cool climates and the highest performance option for whitewater. The Whitewater Deck features a large kayak style cockpit, one-piece pex coaming, and an ultralight secure fitting spray skirt.
- **WR Deck:** The Removable WW Deck features the same cockpit as the standard Whitewater Deck, but with a perimeter zipper for converting to an open boat for more relaxing days. The Removable WW Deck maximizes versatility for the broadest range of paddling conditions. It is drier than the Cruiser Deck, but not as dry as the standard Whitewater Deck in waves, splashes, and whitewater.
- **SB Floor:** The Self Bailer is ideal for warmer climates, frequent entry and exit, and anyone that prefers a self-bailing style setup. Our self-bailing design features a lightweight 3/4 length 7-inch thick seat in the rear that is protected by a sleeve and a heavy-duty baffled foot brace in the front that keeps your feet up and out of the water.
- **SB Floor + Spray Deck:** This option allows you to combine both a Self-Bailing floor and a spray deck of your choice.

**Cargo Fly:** The Cargo Fly is the ultimate packraft gear storage solution, which features an airtight zipper installed in the stern of the boat to allow you to load your gear inside the tubes. The system provides drier and more secure gear storage and improved paddling performance due to a lower center of gravity. The Custom Lab allows you to select the option of a Cargo Fly or no Cargo Fly for all models.

#### Add-Ons:

- **Bike Tiedowns:** Two strap plates installed on the bow for securing your bike top tube with straps.
- **Stern Rail:** Two extra grab loops installed in the stern, which allows you to run a grab line on your stern.
- **Long Case:** Two strap plates installed on the right side of the packraft, which provides a low-profile method for securing long items like skis and fishing rods.
- **LW Handles:** We attach two lightweight carrying handles on the sides of the cockpit, which makes the boat easier to carry by one person when portaging.
- **Backband:** We attach two single D-Rings to the rear of the interior sides of the packraft and install our custom foam backband.
- **BB + Thigh Straps + WW Foot brace (Classic):** We install the same thigh strap outfitting as the Expedition. This option uses our Standard Seat Bottom except on Self Bailing models, which have the  $\frac{3}{4}$  length Self Bailing Seat and sleeve.
- **GnarMule:** The GnarMule is the Gnarwhal version of the Mule and includes: Backband, Thigh Straps, WW Foot brace and the Mule Self Bailing Style Seat and Sleeve. Pricing is based on whether the GnarMule is with a Self-Bailer, which already includes the Self Bailing Style Seat and Sleeve, or a Spray Deck only which is an upgrade from the Standard Seat.

## CUSTOM LAB FAQ

**Q: I want to install an add-on like a backband or bike-tie downs to a stock model like a Cedar Classic. Why do I have to do this through the custom program and pay the custom charges for a stock color?** *Our standard packrafts are cut in batches. We are not able to add one off add-ons to individual models during the standard cutting process. Our custom packrafts are cut individually so that we can incorporate all the customizations for each order. In this process, an add-on is the same as a custom color and will incur the same customization fee.*

**Q: Why do you not have weights listed for any of the custom options?** *With over 200,000 possible configurations for just the Classic, the Custom Lab allows you to build a unique packraft for your specific needs. However, we cannot provide weights and packed sizes for all possible combinations. If you want to estimate weights, you can look at the weights for our stock models and make estimates based on the differences between various configurations. Our heavier duty fabrics like 420d Nylon and 400d Vectran will typically add 6-24oz to the overall boat weight depending on the model.*

**Q: Why are some options (like the Cruiser Deck) that used to be stock options now available only in the Custom Lab?** *Our standard options are chosen based on popularity, production capacity, and what we feel are the best options for most packrafters. Sometimes that results in the difficult choice of removing your favorite build from our standard options. Rather than discontinue that option completely, we can continue to offer it through the Custom Lab.*

**Q: I don't see exactly what I want in the Custom Lab. Can I get something different?** *As much as we love working on new designs, we don't have capacity to take fully custom projects.*