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## **Zome Install Tips and Tricks**

### **Cushion Installation**

For the simple zome cushion – there is nothing special that you need to know. For the Custom Cushion set the includes the mattress and wrap around cushions, here are a few tips.

1. The wrap-around cushions fit **TIGHTLY**. This is for two reasons. First is safety (surprised) – so that arms and feet stay inside. Second is because overtime, the flat cushions will curve to the shape of the zome, and will fit like a glove. Until then, you need to “force” them in.
2. Start with the bottom mattress. Fold it like a taco in order to fit through the door. Be mindful to have the zipper toward the back, with the flap facing down (to repel rain/water). Get it centered in the zome.
3. Install the (2) end cushions first. Ensure that the flaps with the velcro face to the outside of the zome (the KODAMA tag should face outside). Start by strapping the horizontal velcro around the shackle. You do not want the pointy ends of the cushions to be protruding outside of the door opening. Once the cushions are not hanging out and are snug with the horizontal velcro, wrap all the regular velcros around the metal bottom. You want the bottom of the cushion flap to touch the bottom metal frame – nice and smooth with little to no wrinkles. These end cushions are your “bookends”.





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- Next, install the rear-most cushion, opposite the door. Center the flap between the shackles, then same thing – flap to the outside, nice clean flap touching the metal.



- Next, “shove” the remaining (4) cushions into place. Take your time to even out each of the cushions and pull down each of the flaps so that they are snug to the metal bottom, evenly spaced between the shackles. Once these last 4 cushions are evenly spaced, fasten the velcro.
- Now you have a tight-fitting wrap around cushion placement.
- If needed, you can quickly remove the bottom mattress and leave all of the wrap-around cushions in place. This is a good idea when there will be some rain and you do not have a cover (or don’t feel like putting it on). By removing the bottom mattress, you will not have a horizontal surface for rain to collect, and the angled wrap-around cushions will shed most of the water. \*also an easy solution for deterring dogs and cats from hanging out on the mattress when you are not home.

### **Orientation of the Door Opening**

It’s going to happen at some point – the front opening will misalign with the direction that you want it to face. To re-orient the door:

- Everyone out of the zome – the lighter, the easier.
- Rotate the zome to the desired door orientation and stand there. (on tip-toes - you may need a strong dowel or rod for extra reach)  
Note which direction you had to spin, and by how much.
- Grab the top eye-bolt and twist it in the opposite direction and the same amount (back to where it came from), while keeping the zome door orientation the same as you want it. (use the rod through the eyebolt if you can’t reach it)
- Step back and let the zome twist to it’s resting point.
- Did you get it right? On the first try? Yeah. No? back to step one. You’ll get the hang of it. (no pun intended).