



HOMESTEAD DELUXE PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find a suitable site and make sure the ground is clear of all sharp objects and stones. Try not to pitch your tent under trees because tree sap and bird droppings can both damage the fabric and can be very hard to remove.
2. Spread out your tent, and face it the way you want. If possible, have the doorway facing away from any prevailing wind. Open the door and windows before you pitch the tent to allow air to circulate.
3. Find and sort the frame bars. (They are colour coded on one end.)
BLUE is for the outer bedroom framing (2 Sets), **GREY** is for the inner bedroom framing (2 Sets), **GREEN** is for the living room Centre Ridge and Centre poles, Yellow is for the external ridge pole which supports the fly. **BLACK** is for the Awning Ridge, center pole and side poles. Keeping the tent completely square, securely peg down the corners and then center wall tabs, driving the pegs in at 45°. Now peg the remaining wall loops.
4. Lay the grey canvas fly section over the middle section of the tent and attach the plastic buckles on the middle of each side. The middle buckles are very hard to reach once the tent has been fully pitched. Following this instruction will make the fly assembly very easy.
5. Join the **BLUE** #1J (hockey stick) bar to a **BLUE** curved #4F bar and thread it through the canvas loops along the outer roof ridge at one end of the tent. Join these to another **BLUE** #1J (hockey stick) bar to complete the ridge. Repeat this on the other **BLUE** outer ridge. In the same way join the **GREY** frame sections through the inner two ridges. Now assemble the two-piece leg bar sets (#5 & #9) and connect one into the end of each down turned hockey stick pole making sure all the colours match up.
6. (Note: Outer bedroom ridges have 70mm shorter legs than the inner bedroom legs. With one person standing at each end of a **BLUE** ridge bar, lift the outer bedroom ridge so that they are angled approximately 45° towards the centre of the tent, with the spiked feet in the ground. Go to the other end of the tent, and repeat this with the adjacent **GREY** inner bedroom ridge. Place the webbing loops over the rivets on the Hockey Stick bars. Do not tension the tent legs yet.
7. Now clip in the final sr buckles to attach the fly completely to the tent.
8. Assemble the roof bar (8f, 4, 8) and take it inside the tent with the 8 end facing towards the rear. Slide the bar through the hole in the top of the centre wall until it touches the back wall. Position the pins of the adjustable legs (14F & 15G) through the holes at both ends of the roof bar and put through the eyelets in tent roof.
9. Next place the two leather washers over the top spikes of poles #15G. Then place the short fly extension poles over the top spikes on poles 15G.

10. Then assemble the fly support ridge pole, #'s 8J, 4 and 8J. Place this fly ridge pole on top by inserting the spikes from the pole #15G through the holes in the end of poles 8J. The tent roof can now be raised to its correct height and the centre roof support bars 15G positioned so that the roof bar is at an even height throughout.
11. Assemble the **BLACK** porch ridge (7 & 12) at the front of the tent. Make sure that the spring-buttoned bar #12 is accessible from below. Fit the **BLACK** awning roof bar into the end of the Yellow ridge bar (8F) and support this with the longest **BLACK** leg bar (#14 & 15). Carefully bring the awning roof over the awning ridge bar placing the center eyelet over the centre pole spike. Attach a long guy rope to the front center spike (peg and tension once pitching is completed). The awning itself is supported on its sides by four sets of (10 & 30) bars which are held out with guy ropes - ensure the corner guy ropes are pegged at 45°. Now peg out the front corners of the awning, taking care to align them with the side and square with the tent along the front. Make any necessary adjustments to the legs and roof height, if required.
12. At the end of your holiday make sure that the windows and doors are slightly unzipped. Drop the awning leg sets and take out awning and roof bars. Remove the side bars and collapse the tent. Pack away the poles.
13. **ENSURE FRAME BARS ARE DRY BEFORE STORING.**
14. Unpeg the center wall loops, and then the corner loops. Fold the tent into itself ready to go into the storage bag.
15. Remember that if your tent is wet it will need to be dried out as soon as possible to avoid mildew damage.