

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PURCHASE OF A KARMA CANVAS BELL TENT.

At Karma Canvas, we've gone the extra mile to ensure that all of our products are made from the highest quality materials. With some routine maintenance, your Karma Bell Tent will provide you with many years of happy camping.

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and run, and based in the Byron Bay Hinterland.



Fabric Treatment

Our patented Karma Canvas fabric treatment consists of a high quality proofing agent which is applied during manufacturing. This treatment provides UV protection and water repellency as well as mould resistance. There is no need to "weather" your tent before use - it can be used straight out of the bag.

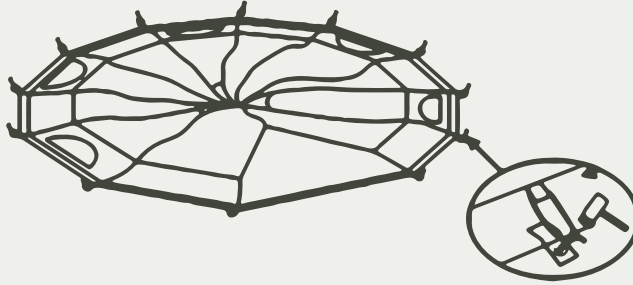
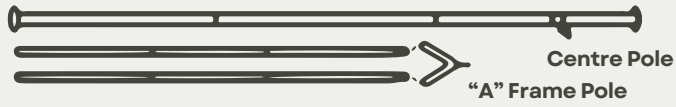
Pitching your Karma Canvas Bell Tent

- Firstly, check that all of the items in the list below are included in the box and contact us immediately if anything is missing,
- Pick a flat piece of ground and remove any sharp objects such as sticks or rocks from the area.
- Unpack your new tent and roll out the entire tent, groundsheet down, canvas up.
- Locate and orient the doorway to take advantage of the local views, or if you prefer, to give you some privacy. It's a good idea not to pitch the doorway facing a prevailing wind.
- Sometimes, the zips come undone slightly in transit. Check that all zips are done all the way up. **Note:** On our PRO Mesh tents there are two zip tracks around the circumference of the tent, one for the canvas layer, and one for the anti-bug mesh. Both of these should be zipped up fully.
- Peg the tent out using the eyelets or D shackles on the groundsheet. It's best if you start on one side and then move to the opposite side. You can use the pegs in a lever fashion to pull the groundsheet out for the best shape, all the time ensuring there are no folds or creases. For extra security the elastic loops at each anchor point can be fastened to the same peg (see step 1 below).
- Tie on the guy ropes and wooden sliders to the reinforced canvas loops around the outside of the tent (just above the windows). The longer 400cm rope should be used for the loop at the top of the doorway. The 200cm ropes are used for all the other loops. Use a bowline knot for best results, a double overhand knot is also ok.
- Unzip the door and go in with the main centre pole. There is a steel ring close to one end of the pole, this should be closest to the roof, allowing you to hang a light or other accessories.
- Place the plastic bung of the pole in the reinforced section of the middle of the roof, ensuring it's completely centred for the best shape, and place the bottom bung centred on the groundsheet. **Note:** When new, the canvas is quite tight so this needs a bit of muscle power to push it into the centre. Stand back and check that the pole is completely centred in the tent.
- Grab the A frame pole out of the bag and take it folded into the tent. Push the spike at the apex through the eyelet in the apex of the doorway.
- Fold out the A frame on both sides and put the plastic tips into the pockets provided on each side of the doorway. You can also use the internal ties for added security.
- If you are installing our bell tent matting, now is the time to do this. Roll out the mat with the two halves overlapping, with the overlap running from left to right, not from back to front. Lift up and centre the centre pole over the top of the overlap, which will secure both mats in position.
- Step outside the tent. Support the doorway by pegging down the rope at the apex of the doorway using the 400cm rope. Then peg down the other 200cm ropes on one side of the tent, followed by the opposite side. Don't tension the ropes too much at this stage, and ensure that the ropes follow the seam line on the roof of the tent for the perfect shape.
- Tension the guy rope sliders one by one until the perfect shape is achieved.
- Place the plastic rain cap on the doorway spike.
- (Optional) grab your beverage of choice, stand back and circle the tent to admire your handiwork.
- Most important step of all.....chill out, slow down and cheer up, you now own a Karma Canvas tent!

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

PIC	ITEM	3M	4M	5M	6M	7M	8M
	CENTRE POLE	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc
	 "A" FRAME POLE WITH PLASTIC RAIN CAP	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc
	GROUND SHEET PEG	10pc	13pc	14pc	16pc	16pc	20pc
	GUY ROPE PEG	10pc	13pc	14pc	16pc	16pc	20pc
	200 CM STRING	9pc	12pc	13pc	15pc	15pc	18pc
	400 CM STRING (FOR DOORWAY)	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc	1pc

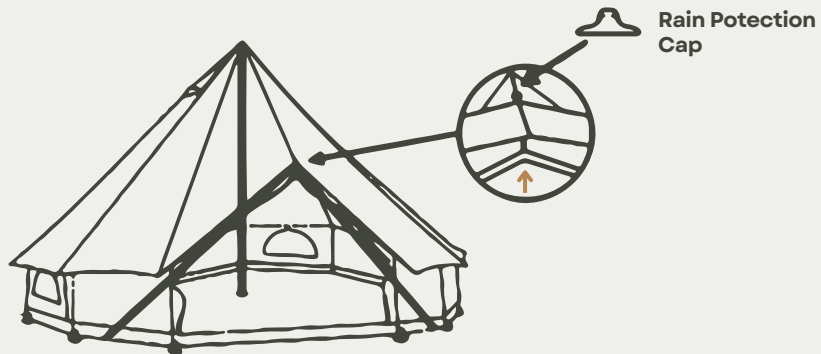
STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



Cleaning and reproofing your tent

Our canvas is a 100% natural fibre, and whilst we treat our tents to be waterproof and resist mould and UV, eventually the proofing will degrade. How long this takes is dependant on the climate and the length of time it is exposed to the elements. When water droplets no longer “bead” on the canvas, it’s time for a clean and reproof. **Check the tent for mould growth after every use.** It's essential to get onto the mould as soon as you see it appear. This way cleaning will be straightforward and any stains are less likely to be permanent.

- It's best to clean the tent on a sunny day to allow the sun to dry the tent quickly. Allow approx 4-5 hours to complete this job including drying time.
- Brush all loose dirt off your tent with a dry bristle brush whilst erected.
- Spray the tent using a hose to moisten it.
- Using a stiff brush, warm water and mild soap, remove any surface contaminants from the canvas before the treatment. Ensure the soap is rinsed off fully before proceeding.
- Use a mild mould killing agent and mix and use as per the instructions (we recommend Wet'N'Forget as it's a copper based treatment and will not harm the fabric)
- As an alternative to a specialised mould treatment, you can use a solution of 1:3 “White King” bleach and water. When using this solution:
 - Soak the tent in the solution allowing it to penetrate the fabric.
 - Work the solution into the fabric with a stiff brush or broom.
 - Rinse the tent thoroughly with a hose until the run off is clear.
 - If mould or mildew is still present, allow the tent to dry and repeat.
- Finally, apply a proofing agent using a paint roller or brush. There are many on the market but we recommend “Dynaproofed” which is a specialised canvas proofing agent. Follow the manufacturers instructions at all times.
- Allow the tent to dry **fully** before packing it away, including the groundsheet and ropes. Wet ropes can cause mould growth if left in contact with the canvas.

Care, Safety and Storage



It's essential that you store your tent completely dry. If possible, it's better to delay your pack-down until the weather permits. If you have to pack down a wet tent be sure to either remove the mud and dirt from under the groundsheet or separate groundsheet from canvas until dry. Having taken down a wet tent, you **must** ensure it's hung up to dry within 24 hours - the best way is to pitch the tent again, if this isn't possible just hang it over a table or some chairs or the washing line in a sunny spot.

Before pitching the tent, make sure the ground is level and free from sharp objects and debris which could pierce the groundsheet or give you an uncomfortable night's sleep.

Do not pull tent pegs out of the ground using the guy ropes or fabric fittings. If the pegs are difficult to remove, use another peg as a hook or a special peg extractor.

Always pitch the Bell Tent at least 10 metres away from flames, fires or heat sources. Our Nomad Tent stoves are the exception to this - they are specifically designed to be used inside your tent.

Warranty



All Karma Canvas products have a 12 month limited warranty which covers you in the event of manufacturing defects related to the canvas fly. Zips, poles and pegs are not covered. If the tent is pitched for more than 28 days at a time, this is considered professional use and the warranty will not apply. General wear and tear from camping is not covered under the warranty. Usage in extreme weather conditions such as high winds above 40kmh or torrential rain are not covered under the warranty. Return shipping costs are the responsibility of the customer. For more information see the FAQ section of our website - karmacanvas.com.au. If you believe you have a genuine warranty claim please contact us at sales@karmacanvas.com.au.