

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY OF THE HAJ TENT

Identify the roof, walls, large and small poles and bag containing pegs and mallet.

Lay the roof out on the grass where you want to put the tent up, canvas side uppermost with the side you wish to be the front folded back so that you can get at the hole in the centre of the roof from underneath. Fit together the large poles and place the spike through the hole in the roof canvas from underneath (this can be stiff when new). Then get someone to go under the roof and help the pole upright while you pull on the ropes attached to the top of the roof canvas. The pole holder holds the upright pole in the chosen spot while you hammer in 4 pegs, one for each corner of the tent, and ties a rope from the corresponding corner of the roof to each (this balances the roof while you sort out the walls) and your pole-holder is now freed!

Start at a front corner and unroll a wall, putting each pole that is built into the walls in its corresponding hole in the roof before unrolling the next bit of wall and repeating. Then lace the walls to the roof by getting the loop from the roof through the hole in the wall and linking them together – at the end of a row then tie it off in a simple knot. Also you need to lace down the walls in the corners. Your corner ropes will need adjusting through this stage.

The smaller poles replace the front and/or back wall if you choose not to use them.

When the walls are up, sort out any other guy ropes and hammer in the pegs accordingly. The trick to making the tent look nice is to position the guy ropes in line with the roof seams – this reduces bagging and creases. Position the guy ropes by the doors slightly apart, so that they do not get in the way. We like to position plants in pots beside the pegs to prevent people banging their legs.

Inside the tent, straighten the pelmet and roll up the doors and secure. There are often loose threads on the tent lining and 5 minutes spent picking these off make a big difference!

Check the tension in the guy ropes and tuck the external wall skirt inside the wall poles and hold in position by the small pegs so that any rain will run directly off the tent into the ground rather than become trapped in material or rots the poles from the bottom. This skirt also helps to protect the internal cotton skirt from mildew.

We recommend that the tent be erected at least 24 hours before it is needed in order to allow any creases in the lining to drop out. Straighten the external pelmet as the tent begins to settle.

It is extremely important that the tent is dry before being taken down and that its storage place must be absolutely dry, particularly over the winter. If it is raining continually, then the tent could be taken down wet and dried before being put away.

Enjoy your tent!

We strongly recommend that extreme care be taken with naked flames, as the tent is 100% cotton.