

Exciting Times - you've got a new bell tent. Now it's time to pitch it!
Our exclusive Bell Tents with porch are possible to put up on your own although it's far quicker, easier and more fun with a friend!

Package 1 contents:

- Tent Carry bag x 1
- Tent & groundsheet attached and rolled x 1
- Porch with groundsheet attached and rolled x 1

Package 2 contents:

- Pole bag x 1
- central pole with stoppers x 1
- Internal door uprights x 2
- Internal door cross bar x 1
- Porch door uprights x 2
- Porch door cross bar x 1
- Straight floor pegs
- Grooved guy rope pegs
- Long guy ropes x 2
- Short guy ropes
- Mallet x 1



Step 1 - Unpack and lay out the tent flat, ensuring the canvas is zipped to the groundsheet and the door is zipped closed on both sides. The porch should not be attached to the tent at this point.

Tie on the guy ropes to the fabric tabs (not the elastic toggles) around the edge of the tent and porch. The two longest guy ropes are for the tabs above the porch door. You do not need to tie any guy ropes to the tabs above the tent door as this is where your porch will attach.

Step 2 - Peg in the ground sheet on either side of the tent door using the straight pegs. Go to the back of the tent and pulling the groundsheet taut, peg in the groundsheet at the point opposite the door. Then work around the tent pegging the groundsheet in and pulling it taut as you go. The flatter and smoother the groundsheet, the better the final shape of your tent

Step 3 - Assemble the central pole and go inside the tent with it. Insert the pole into the hat of the tent then push up the canvas and line the central pole up with the square patch on the groundsheet. This indicates the centre of the tent.

Step 4 - Go inside the tent with the two longest upright poles and cross pole for the inner door and assemble inside the tent.

Feed the spikes on your upright poles through the holes in either end of the cross bar. Then - taking care not to pierce the canvas - feed the spikes through the eyelet holes in the tent. These are located either side of the door. The cross pole should sit comfortably on the underside of the canvas, creating your door structure. Ask a friend to step inside the tent and hold the door frame upright while you tighten the guys.

Step 5 - Work your way around the tent loosely pegging out the guys as you go. They should sit around 1m from the edge of the tent, and each guy rope should follow the seam of the tent.

Now go around the tent again tightening the guys by sliding the metal sliders up the guy ropes and turning them to lock them in place.



Step 6 - Now that the body of your tent is secured, you are ready to zip on the porch. Unzip the porch door, go inside it and zip the porch onto the flat front of the tent. You may need a friend to help by lifting the porch canvas from the outside, keeping it taut.

Then from outside, peg the two back corners of the porch level with the door. Pull them tight to smooth out the floor inside. Sometimes it helps to go inside the porch and smooth the floor out to the peg points from the inside.

Now peg out the front 2 corners of the porch door, pulling them as tight as possible.

Step 7 - Using the remaining two upright poles and cross bar, assemble your porch door the same way as the inner tent door.

Step 8 - Ask your friend to step forwards into the porch and hold the door poles upright while you peg out the guy ropes loosely. The tent door poles will hold themselves upright at this point. Then peg out the rest of the porch floor pulling it as tight as possible.

Finally, tighten the guy ropes and make sure the two long guy ropes that are attached to the front of the porch are even in length and pulled tight to secure the shape of the tent.

The canvas of the tent and porch should be tight and the shape even.



Now your Life Under Canvas can begin!

