



Pitching a Mess tent: How to do it properly.

- 1) Unpack the tent and sort out all the poles according to number.
 - 2) Lay out the poles respecting the order as shown in the manual, in the shape of the tent.
 - 3) Click all the poles together but leave the vertical poles 'half way'. The horizontal poles going into the ridge need to be inserted as far as possible. This can be adjusted later on if needed.
 - 4) Lay out the tent, upside down, alongside the steel structure before taking the far edge and pulling the canvas over the structure. Make sure both doors are unzipped.
 - 5) Now push up the tent while extending the vertical poles to their full height.
 - 6) Enter the tent and zip up all doors before placing the vertical poles into their final position aligned with the seams. Making sure the tension is evenly spread. Try and keep as much tension away from the zippers.
- N.B. The ropes on the inside need to be tied around the vertical poles, not where the poles come together.
- 7) Peg the two rubber loops on either side of the door first before going all the way round the tent.
 - 8) The first time you put up your Mess tent you will need to connect the guy ropes (leave them on after that). Unravel them and you'll see there is a loop of rope through the plastic and a single end. Tie the single end to the heavy duty canvas loops at bottom of the roof. When you put the large pegs into the ground do it through the loop and try and have the plastic at least 50cm from the tent. This allows you to adjust the tension both ways.
 - 9) Take care of your tent and keep the doors shut when not in use.



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