

Berliner (Bivouac)



The Berliner (also known as the Bernina) is a bivouac made from 8 **military sheets**. Depending on the luggage, four to six people can sleep in it.

Materials

You will need the following materials to build a Berliner:

- 8 **military sheets** (with at least 4 cords included)
- 4 peg bags (tent unit, 11 tent poles and 12 pegs are needed)

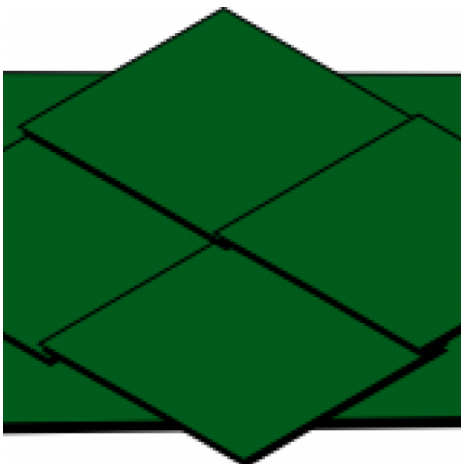
Tying the sheets

First remove at least 4 cords from the sheets. Then knot two by four of the eight sheets together to form a square. Make sure that the overlaps are chosen so that no water can run into the bivouac. In addition, the camouflage colors must be turned outwards on one-sided military tarpaulins.

Particular attention must be paid to the center seams of the four tarpaulins that will later form the roof, so that any water runs down over them.

Once both squares have been knotted, they are placed on top of each other at an angle of 45° and then knotted together so that the roof square overlaps the floor square. Caution: a hole should be left open for the assembly.

Arrangement of the sheets



Assembly

First, the floor is secured with 8 pegs.

The best way to set up the rest of the tent is for one person to enter the tent and erect and hold the 3 unit high center pole. Other people can then erect the 4 corner posts (2 tent poles high) and tie them down with the cords previously removed from the canvas.

Areas of application

The Berliner is a comfortable bivouac and can also be used for several nights in Youngstars camps, provided there is enough material and a good transport route available.

Advantages / disadvantages

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- windproof
- closed tent with canvas floor
- warm

Disadvantages

- narrow and dark tent
- very large amount of material required
- rather difficult to pitch
- you lie on the seams

Special features

Larger doughnuts can also be built, requiring 32 or 72 sheets depending on the size. The cords from the canvas and the tent stakes from the peg bags are no longer suitable for such a Berliner.

If more space is required (for luggage), the Berliner can be extended at the unused corners (closed exits) with coffins (1 military sheet each). This is called a sterliner.

Sources

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