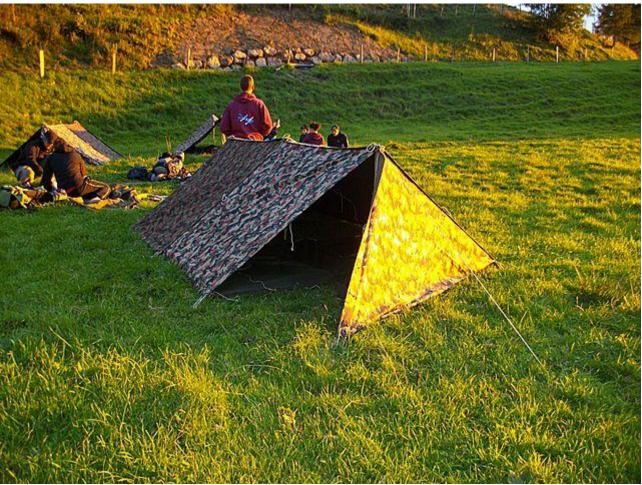
Firstzelt (Biwak)



Das Firstzelt ist Schlauchzelt au einer Rechtecki Plane oder rech zusammengekn Militärblachen.

Eine Firstzeltein (2 Militärblache bietet Platz für 2 Personen.

Hinweis: Dieser Artikel behande ausschliesslich Firstzelt als Militärblachent mit 2 Blachen p Einheit.

Material requirements

You need the following materials to build the first ridge tent unit:

- 2 military sheets (with 2 guy ropes included)
- 2 peg bags (tent unit, 6 tent poles and 6 pegs are needed)

The following material is required to build each additional ridge tent unit:

- 2 military sheets
- 1 peg bag (tent unit, 3 tent poles and 2 pegs are needed)

Tying the sheets

- *First, remove the cords from the canvas.
- *Now tie 2 sheets together. Pay attention to the placement of the seams of the military canvas (the water should later be able to flow outwards from the knotted seam)
- *These pairs of tarpaulins are now tied together to form a rectangle two tarpaulins wide.
- *If necessary, the sides of the tent can be supplemented with tarpaulins to close it off later or to create a windbreak (as shown in the article picture)

Setting up

- *The knotted tarpaulins are laid out in such a way that any rain hits the tarpaulins and cannot enter the tent from the sides. (As a rule, the tube tent is aligned north-south, as the rain comes from the west)
- *3 tent poles are put together and inserted into an eyelet in the center seam
- *While one person holds the pole, another person tightens the tip of the pole with the cord so that there is a longitudinal pull on the center seam
- *Parallel to the previous step, the sheets are tensioned outwards with pegs. Ideally, a third person should be responsible for this.

Areas of application

The ridge tent can be used on hikes and expeditions where dry ground can be expected. Compared to the Gotthard, you can save one groundsheet per unit.

The ridge tent is also suitable for protecting luggage.

Advantages / disadvantages

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- low material costs
- easy to transport
- easy to assemble
- comparatively large space and height

Disadvantages

- no base
- practically no temperature storage
- if not closed, exposed to wind on the sides

Other sizes

The ridge tent can be built to practically any size and can therefore also be used as a lounge, cooking or large sleeping tent. For this purpose, a larger side length is used instead of a 2-sheet wide rectangle.

Note: The tent post technique is no longer suitable for larger structures; a beam or a taut rope is then used as a gable support.

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