

INSTALLATION, USE AND CARE OF YOUR HAMMOCK

Hanging

Your original cocoon style hammock is designed to hang in an arc and does not require the use of a spreader bar. When hung correctly, it will be very stable and hold several hundred lbs. without flipping. Generally the most comfortable way to lie in it is across the width, lying in the same direction as the center seam. The long side of the hammock can be adjusted to create a backrest by tying a knot in the uppermost harness line on each end. Lying diagonally without the raised backrest is also very comfortable; just remove the knots. Many people prefer this position for sleeping. The ideal space for hanging your hammock is about 10 ft., the minimum is about 9.5 ft. For wider spaces, use longer lines tied from a higher point to obtain the correct arc. Chain is the most convenient method for quick take downs and adjustments. Use welded link chain tested at 500 lbs. or more and 1/4 in. S hooks. Indoors, hang your hammock from either the wall or ceiling. Locate the stud or joist and drill a hole exactly in the center, using a drill bit slightly smaller than your eye screw or hook. These should be 3/8 in. in diameter with at least 1 1/2 in. screwed into the wood at the angle of direct pull. For masonry, use a masonry drill bit, insert a lag bolt shield, and hook or eye screw into the lag bolt shield. Outdoors, posts are an alternative if you lack trees. A complete formula for hanging your hammock indoors or out is available on my website; see *How To Hang your Hammock Using Posts*. This provides all the measurements you will need to obtain maximum comfort and stability based on the width of your space.

Weather

Your hammock is made of cotton and polyester cord. With a little care, it will stay looking new and provide many years of enjoyment. Prolonged dampness can cause mildew. Do not store it damp. Do not sit in it while it's wet, it loses strength. Multicolored hammocks made with bright colors (especially reds and purples) should be kept out of the rain until they have been laundered twice. This will prevent bleeding of the excess dyes into the white areas. Minimizing exposure to bright sunlight will help reduce fading.

Washing

Washing helps to revive the fibers and reshape your hammock. Wash your hammock in any washing machine that does not have an agitator. Use warm water and laundry soap that does not contain bleach. Tie the rings on the ends together with cord or string to prevent tangling. Fringed hammocks should be hand washed to prevent matted fringe. Hang to dry. Do not heat dry.

Precautions

Protect your hammock from moths mice, squirrels and puppies. If you should have a broken string, tie the ends together immediately to prevent unraveling. Never leave small children unattended in the hammock. Their limbs can get caught in the holes.