

HOW TO ERECT A PATROL SHELTER

There are several methods in use to erect a patrol/kitchen shelter. This is one way which the girls generally find easy and shelter goes up first time.

Ensure you have the shelter, poles, ropes, pegs and mallets.

Select position to erect shelter. As with your bell tent, carefully check the area for a possible water course during heavy rain, ants nests and overhead branches.

Once you have decided where to erect your shelter -

Lay shelter tarp on the ground.

Using your mallet, drive a peg into each corner of the BACK of the shelter.

Two girls put short poles in the next eyelet on either side and hold whilst pegs are driven in at an angle, one stride away from the shelter. Attach short rope to either pole.

Girls then walk forward holding the shelter to stop the poles falling backwards. Put standard poles in next eyelets on either side and repeat the peg and rope routine.

The next two poles on either side should be 6" longer to allow a fall on the shelter which encourages water run-off and gives room to stand up.

Last two poles are on either side of the front and are standard height. Using two corner ropes stand poles, drive pegs and attach ropes.

Your shelter should be standing, check pegs are secure and tighten ropes. Your patrol box and kitchen gadget should be placed in your shelter. Box should not be sitting directly on the ground.

