



MISTERCANOEHEAD

DIY TARP



Note: In the picture above, the tarp is supported by our sail mast and yardarm.(see DIY sail on website) Any branch would work as well.

Making it:

Using ripstop nylon with a 54" width and allowing for 3/4" overlap double sewn seams. There is a top and bottom to the tarp. It is based on the seam sewing. If the seams are sewn as in the illustration, (see next page) the water will run off without getting caught in the seams and leaking.

It is important to get the seams straight to avoid puckers in the tarp, which could leak.

The corners and mid point loop locations are reinforced by a second layer of material. Remember to hem the edges of the triangles.

Tie loops are made of 1" nylon webbing. Ropes used to tie off are braided nylon "starter cord" (approx. 1/4" - 3/16" dia.) and we have about 30 feet (10 m) of rope per loop.

In the centre of the underside is a square of material approx. 8" x 8" which can be used as an extra wear buffer to go over a pole due to the pressure on that section of the tarp. Using a pole in the centre allows the water to shed properly.

As well, on the topside, in the centre, you could sew in a loop for the possibility of centre support. We have never used ours, since tree branches are never in the right locations.

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