

SIERRA DESIGNS

PAPAGAYO



Your Sierra Designs PAPAGAYO tent is very easy to pitch and maintain. Follow these instructions to pitch your tent quickly, safely and easily.



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* Sierra Designs tents include stakes for pitching the body and fly under normal conditions. Additional stakes may be required in severe conditions.

First Pitch

In order to familiarize yourself with your new tent, we suggest that you "test pitch" it before embarking on a wilderness trip.

Select a Site

Look for a level spot that is protected from the wind in order to ensure sleeping comfort. Clear the area of debris such as sharp stones and sticks which might abrade or puncture the tent floor. Choose an area that will drain well when it rains.

Unfurl the Tent and Assemble the Poles

Unfold the tent and lay the floor flat on the ground with the door unzipped. Carefully unfold the shock corded pole sections and allow them to slide together. Do not allow the poles to snap together: This can lead to serious pole damage. Make certain that the insert of each pole section is fully inserted into the next pole section (Figure 1). You will have 6 poles in total, 4 straight poles of equal length, one arched vestibule pole, and one short pre-bent brow pole.

Stake Out the Floor

We recommend staking the floor prior to inserting the poles for greater pitching ease. Although the *Papagayo* is a freestanding tent, we suggest that you always stake out the floor for greater safety and stability, especially in high winds. First stake each of the webbing loops at the back of the tent at points G & H (Figure 2). Then move to the front of the tent, pull the webbing loops at points A & B until the tent floor is squarely and semi-tautly positioned, and then stake them down. Finally, stake the sides at points C, D, E, & F, again pulling the tent floor semi-taut.

Erect the Tent

Insert the tips of one of the straight poles into the grommets at points A & H, and the tips of a second straight pole into the grommets at points B & G (Figure 2). Pull the two poles up so that they intersect at point I and attach the Clip-Loc over the intersection at the apex (do not attach the bungee yet). Now following the seams along the poles, attach the remaining Swift Clips, designated with orange web-

bing. Next, insert a straight pole at points C & D, arching the pole around the back of the tent. Finally, attach all the Swift Clips along this poles path, designated with gray webbing. Repeat the process with the remaining straight pole between points E & F. Now that all the straight poles have been attached to the tent body, attach the six remaining Clip-Locs. Hook the four Clip-Locs nearest to the doors over the intersection with their opening facing the middle of the tent. Now attach the bungee cord on the Clip-Locs by wrapping the bungee in the direction crossing the open gate of the clip. Wrap the cord around the pole intersection 2 to 4 times, depending on desired firmness, then, slide the cord into the groove on the backside of the clip to keep it taut (Figure 3).

Fly Sheet

You now have two remaining poles: one arched vestibule pole, and one shorter curved brow pole. Place the ends of the curved brow pole in the buckets at points S & V or T & U. Place the arch pole at the end opposite the brow pole, with the arch pole tips at either points G & H or A & B (Figure 2). Drape the fly over the tent and position the zippers over the tent doors and so that the navy blue fly attachment is on the same side as the arch pole. The orange fly attachment should be on the same side as the curved brow pole. By clipping the blue webbing strap on the rainfly to the blue webbing strap on the tent body you are guaranteed a fast, proper rainfly set-up every time. Attach the fly to the tent poles via the 19 Velcro straps located on the underside of the fly at points 1-12 (Figure 4). It is easiest if you start near the apex and work down. At points Q, R, S, T, U, & V on the fly you will find additional Velcro attachments. Attach these to the vestibule poles. At each pole end, points A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H there are 1" side-release "Fly Clip" buckles (Figure 5). Clip these buckles into their corresponding mates on the tent stake loops and adjust the straps until the fly is semi-taut. Now pull out points L, M, N, & O away from the tent and stake them out. To finish set-up work your way around the tent and adjust the straps so that the rainfly is taut.

Ventilation

Proper ventilation is essential for creating a comfortable living space inside your tent. The vestibule door panel can be rolled away for maximum ventilation. Because the rainfly has an awning over the door, you can often leave the door tied open in a rainstorm, provided the door faces away from the wind. When the door in the rear of the rainfly is left fully or partially open, it effectively improves flow-through ventilation. Additionally, the zippers at the top of the vestibules can be used to regulate ventilation.

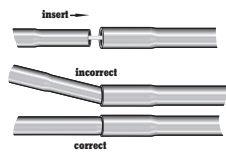


Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

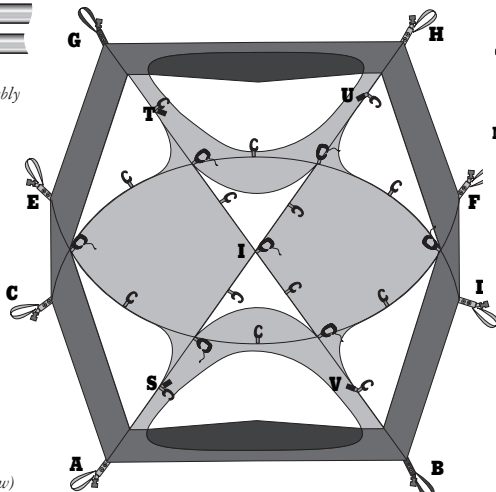


Figure 2: Tent Body (top view)

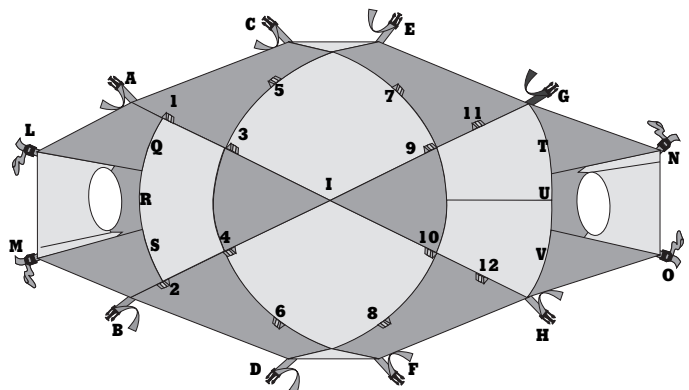


Figure 4: Flysheet (top view)

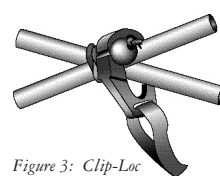


Figure 3: Clip-Loc

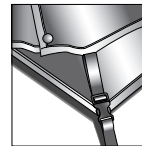


Figure 5: Fly Clip