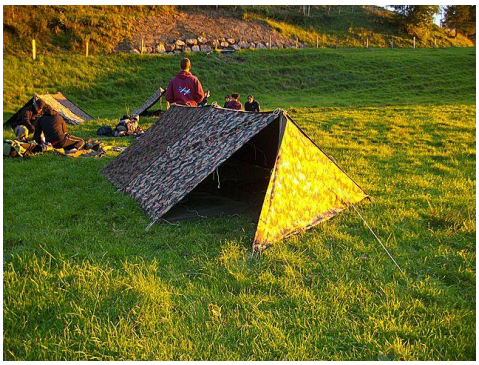


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# Firstzelt (Biwak)



Das Firstzelt ist ein Schlauchzelt aus einer Rechteckigen Plane oder rechteckig zusammengeknüpften Militärblachen.

Eine Firstzelteinheit (2 Militärblachen) bietet Platz für 2-3 Personen.

*Hinweis: Dieser Artikel behandelt ausschliesslich das Firstzelt als Militärblachenbiwak mit 2 Blachen pro 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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