Hammock Buying Guide

Hammocks are a great outdoor lounging option. Learn more about hammock types, suspension systems, and care.

Hammock Types

- **Fabric Hammocks**
  - Ideal for chillier weather and regions
  - Soft, breathable
  - Not resilient to outdoor elements (do not leave outside in extreme weather)
  - Difficult to clean

- **Rope Hammocks**
  - Most sturdy, long-lasting fabric option, low maintenance
  - Quick drying
  - Durable, resistant to wear and tear from weather
  - Proprietary fabric, resists color-fade, resists wear and tear from weather

- **Sunbrella**
  - Soft, breathable, not resilient to outdoor elements (do not leave outside in extreme weather)
  - Most durable fabric option
  - Quick-drying, durable, resistant to wear and tear from weather
  - Proprietary fabric, resists color-fade, resists wear and tear from weather

- **DuraCord Rope Hammocks**
  - Will naturally stretch out over a long period of time
  - Durable properties of polyester with the softness and comfort of cotton
  - Resistant to fading, stains mildew, and mold
  - Quick-drying, non-absorbent

Hammock Measurements

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Hammock Storage

- Store your hammock in a dry location when not in use.
- Keep spreader bars away from water.
- Sun and air will help with quick drying.
- Do not hang hammocks in direct sunlight, as they will lose shape.
- Hang hammocks in a shaded area to prevent warping.

Hammock Care

- Regularly clean your hammock to prevent dirt and grime from building up.
- Clean rope hammocks with a simple detergent and warm water solution. You may soak the hammock in a mild detergent solution.
- Clean fabric hammocks with a soft brush and a mixture of soap and water. Avoid using harsh chemicals or solvents.
- Do not sit or lay on the edge of a hammock, as it can flip over.
- Keep spreader bars away from water.
- Shrink slightly while drying, but will quickly stretch back to its original size when used.
- Keep your hammock in a cool, dry place when not in use.

Hammock Stand

- Hammocks typically measure between 9'-14' in length. Taller hammock users may want to look for a stand measuring 12' to 14'.
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Hammock Setup:

- Choose healthy trees with trunks at least 1' in diameter. This ensures the trees are strong enough to support the maximum capacity weight of the hammock and prevent the trunk from splitting.
- The ideal distance between trees used to support a hammock should be exactly or slightly greater than the length of the hammock (measured in feet) plus 1'. For example, a 7' hammock will hang apart at a distance between the overall length of the hammock and 2/3 the length of the hammock.
- Trees should be at least 1' in diameter and 6 feet apart from each other.
- Use an "S" hook to secure the strap in place.
- Hang apart at a distance between the overall length of the hammock and 2/3 the length of the hammock.
- Allow cement to dry for 48 hours before installing or using your hammock.
- Look for soil that is dense and compact for the sturdiest hold.

Hammock Without Spreader Bars

- Hammocks without spreader bars are not hung apart at a distance between the overall length of the hammock and 2/3 the length of the hammock.
- Their purpose is to keep the fabric of the hammock stretched laterally, creating the mostly flat surface that contributes to the decorative design of the hammock.
- Hammocks with spreader bars require accuracy when hanging to ensure the bed will not be crooked or uneven.
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Suspension Systems

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  - Choose suspension posts that are healthy, and will not decay or decompose over time. Wood posts do not hold torque as well as metal, so choose metal posts for extra stability.
  - Use either straps or ropes as the suspension system.
  - Leave up to four people, while capacity on smaller hammocks should be limited to one or two people for comfort.
  - The capacity limit refers to static weight, and jumping onto hammocks should be avoided.

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