



# Rope Hammock Instructions

**TIP FOR NEW OWNERS:** *Inspect your hammock prior to each use to ensure it's still hanging correctly and is in overall safe condition. Falling can hurt!*

**WEIGHT-LIMIT FOR HAMMOCK: 450 POUNDS**

**YOUR BOX SHOULD CONTAIN:**

- Hammock with chains
- 2 tree hooks

**TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:**

- Drill with 1/8 inch-3/16 inch bit
- Adjustable wrench or screwdriver

★ **NO tools or tree hooks needed if using a hammock stand.**

**HEIGHT TO INSTALL TREE HOOKS (in inches)**

Hammock Length*	Distance Between Trees/Posts					
	10 feet	11 feet	12 feet	13 feet	14 feet	15 feet
11 feet	66"	54"	48"	48"	48"	48"
12 feet	84"	72"	60"	48"	48"	48"
13 feet	96"	84"	72"	60"	48"	48"
14 feet	108"	96"	84"	72"	60"	48"

*Heights in shaded areas not recommended and may give hammock such a pronounced arch as to be uncomfortable.*

*\* Distance measured from ring to ring when hammock laid flat on floor. Note that new hammock may be up to 2 feet shorter than its specifications, to allow for ropes' natural tendency to stretch first few times it's used.*

## HANGING YOUR HAMMOCK

1. Your hanging space should be between 18-24 inches greater than your hammock's total length, from ring to ring.
2. If you're not using one of our quick-assemble hammock stands, then you'll need two wooden surfaces – sturdy trees, posts sunk into the ground or wall studs on a porch, for instance – to hold the hammock's tree hooks. Keep in mind that the closer your anchor points are, the more curved your hammock is going to be.
3. **The wood you choose should be at least 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter, and strong.** Wood types such as willow, palm and beech are soft, and may not support your hammock when in use; hardwoods such as oak, hickory, etc., will work far better. **To install the hammock into any surface other than wood, consult a building expert at your local hardware store for the proper method, and for any additional supplies you might need for safe installation.**
4. Refer to the chart above for how high to install your tree hooks.
5. To install, drill a 1/8 inch-3/16 inch pilot hole (the smaller the better). Start the hook in the hole; grip the hook eye with a wrench or thread the eye with a screwdriver to twist all the way in. **Stop when the eye makes contact with wood;** over-twisting can damage the metal and weaken support.
6. Hook the free ends of the chains on each side of your hammock over your newly installed hammock hooks, using the chain links to adjust height and tautness (FIGURE A). Once the hammock ropes have fully stretched, you may want to tweak your hammock height by further adjusting chain lengths.

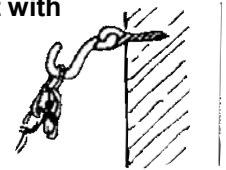


FIGURE A

## HAMMOCK SAFETY

- Always place your weight in the center of your hammock, not on either edge.
- **Don't allow young children to use the hammock without adult supervision. Don't place infants in the hammock.**
- Don't allow your children (or yourself, for that matter) to jump up and down in the hammock or use it like a playground swing. Not only is this extremely dangerous, but it puts excessive wear and tear on the hammock and its hanging hardware.
- Don't let the chain get twisted and don't flip the hammock over while it's hung; both severely compromise chain strength.

## HAMMOCK MAINTENANCE

There are a couple simple things you can do to ensure the longest possible life for your new personal relaxation station.

- **Take down your hammock and store it during prolonged bad weather. Repeated exposure to rain, snow and sleet may shorten your hammock's useful life and affect its appearance.**
- Squirrels, mice, birds and bugs sometimes use hammock rope fibers to build nests and to live in, so always inspect your hammock before getting in it. Have we mentioned that falling can hurt?
- Dogs, especially puppies, often regard hammocks as great chew toys, so dog owners should hang, and store, their hammocks somewhere Rover can't easily reach. Also, avoid storing near strong chemicals, including pesticides.
- To clean your hammock, stretch it out on a clean, dry, non-abrasive surface, wet it with a hose and gently scrub the ropes with a soft brush and a mild detergent/warm water solution. Unless your hammock is woven from certain synthetic rope that you know to be bleach-safe, **DO NOT** use any cleaning product containing bleach or other strong chemicals. After washing the hammock, rinse it thoroughly and allow it to dry completely before hanging it or storing it.

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