



TECHNIQUE DESCRIPTION

Primitive shelter

Introduction

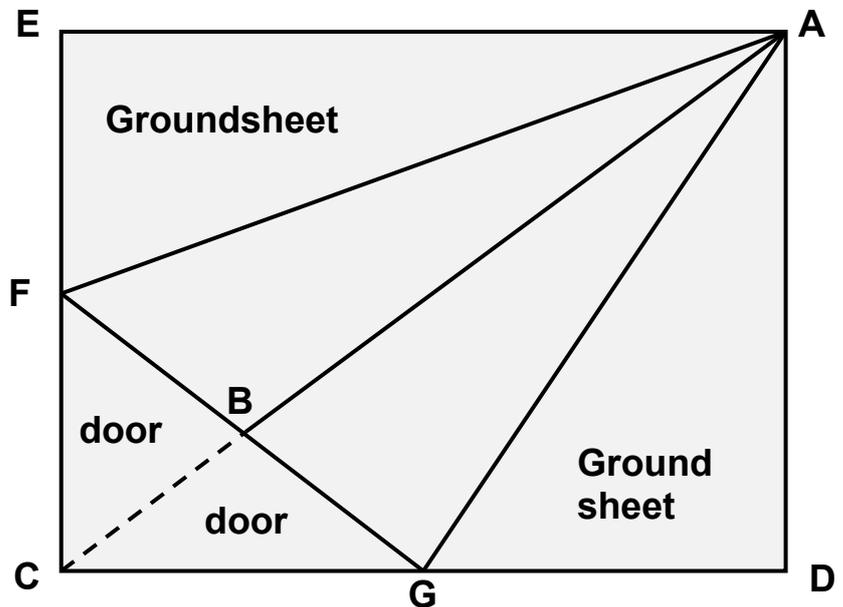
When you're in a survival situation, you have the bare necessities you need: warmth (e.g. fire), water and shelter. Other things as food, etc. are less important. First be sure to have these three basic needs. In this activity the participants will make an easy primitive shelter from a rectangular tarpaulin: "French-fries-bag-tent".

Build the tent

The building of a shelter is very easy and you need only a tarpaulin or sheet (ca. 3x4m) and some sisal rope. It's big enough for 1 to 2 persons.

Step 1: place en preparation

You need a tree for attaching your shelter. Find a good tree and be sure that the underground is flat. You sleep with your head toward the tree so be sure that the underground higher at the side of the tree. Clean the underground from branches, pineapples, etc. Further, find some firm branches which you can use as pegs.



Step 2: make your shelter

With a firm branch fix point A to the ground so that A is in the direction where the wind comes from. Take a pineapple / stone and put it at point B in the inside of the sheet. At the outer side of the sheet you can now put some rope around the pineapple and fix the other side of the rope to the tree. Be sure that point B is not higher from the ground than ca. 1m (if it's higher the shelter roof will be too open and the wind can come through) and that the distance between B and the tree is also about 1 m (if the distance is further the wind can easily enter the shelter).

Fold both points D and E around and under the shelter, this will be the ground sheet of the shelter. Be sure that there is no space left on the bottom between the lines AD and AE, otherwise the rain might come in from the underground.

Last stage is to fix both points F and G to the ground with firm branches and rope. As you can see the triangle BFG is now the door from the shelter. Triangle CFG is hanging down and can function as a door.

When the sides of the tent (triangles ABG and ABF) are hanging too low when you lie down in the shelter you can take two pinecones (or little stones) and put these from the inside in the middle of both triangles. When you attach a rope around these pinecones and tighten this ropes to some tree around you can higher the inside of the shelter.

