



How to Set up your Malu

Hello and thanks for buying one of our Malu.

A Malu (the Hawaiian for Shade) is a clever piece of portable shade that packs down small, takes minutes to erect and has a myriad of uses.

Made from the same natural coloured cotton as our range of Bell Tents it is a tactile accessory that looks great whether it's in the garden or on the beach. Malu are treated to make them rain, mould and UV resistant and can be used alone or in conjunction with other objects like tents or vehicles.

The first time you set up your Malu it will take you 10 minutes to attach all the guy ropes in the correct places but once done you'll never need to take them off and you'll be able to throw it up in a couple of minutes.



The Malu can be used on its own or in conjunction with other objects like tents or vehicles. It was originally designed for the two poles to be on opposite corners but it's up to you how you want to configure it.

You'll also find that moving the tensions on the guy ropes around contorts the shape of the Malu into many useful and abstract shapes

Setting up your Malu for the first time.

Get everything out of the matching bag and lay it out

Get all the guy ropes out and lay them flat next to each other. You'll notice they come in three different lengths. Pair them up and put the shortest in the middle and the longest either side on the outside



Unfold the Malu and then fold it in half to make a triangle. Put this on the floor behind the guy ropes and you'll see how they match up with the lengths.

Now it's time to attach the guy ropes to the Malu (remember you only do this once so might as well do it right)



Tie two long ropes to the same loop on either end as this is where the poles go. With the middle and shortest guy ropes tie one to each loop.

Nearly there.

Now it's time to stick the poles through the rivets on either end get your Malu up. This job is much easier with two but you can do it alone.



Put the peg through the loop like so and you can slide the adjuster up and down to change the tension.

If doing it alone peg out the two guys at around a 45 degree angle from each other and put the pole up. (like above) Then have the other pole in hand and back away sliding the Maul through your hand while keeping the tension up so the first pole doesn't fall over.

When you get to the other end, insert the pole, stand it upright and keeping the tension up slide along the two guy ropes until you get to the end. You need the pegs ready (put them in your back pocket or somewhere you can get them without losing the tension) and put them through the loops, spread the two ropes and get them in the ground quick. Once it's stable you can then move one peg at a time to position them at the most stable angles and then use the sliding adjuster to get it good and solid.

Obviously if there's two of you it's much easier!!

Now the hard bit's done.

Go round putting the rest of the pegs in and adjusting the lengths of the guy ropes to get the desired shape. If you shorten up one side of guys (you can tie loops in them to make them really short) you bring that side closer to the ground, The longer the guy, the further away, the higher the side.



Job done, lie back and relax.

Setting up your Malu with a Bell Tent.

String up your Malu as explained above and then lay it out in front of your erected bell tent. Then put the spike above the door through the hole in the middle of the Malu and peg the corners of that side down either side of the door. (if you have a 5 metre bell tent you may have to use the strings)



Now take the two poles and angle them from the front corners and rope them out to make the structure stable. Then peg out the other guy ropes for extra stability if you wish.

Use your Malu to attach your tent to your vehicle or as a large covered awning area either off your tent or car.

Putting your Malu away

Pretty obvious really but a useful tip is to lay it out flat and throw all the ropes into the middle. As you fold use the bag as a template so you know you'll end up with a roll the right width for the bag. Roll the poles into the middle to protect them and you're there. Lastly always make sure your Malu is completely dry before you store it as it will go mouldy if you don't. If that means taking it down wet then hang it up when you get home and you'll be fine.



Enjoy!!! And don't hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions, good ideas on better ways of using the Malu or just to send in pictures of you Camping with Soul for the gallery on the site.

Many thanks

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