

Mexican Hammock – Instructions for Use

Congratulations!

You have just purchased a *Mexican Hammock* imported by The Hammock Co.

When used diagonally, this is probably the most comfortable hammock in the world. It is designed for 2 people (or more for King size), and can be used inside out. Each hammock is one-off and there are inevitably slight variations in weave tension and weight. Hand-woven in Mexico, your hammock comes with a 12-month warranty on all materials and workmanship from the date of purchase, provided you follow these instructions carefully.

IMPORTANT

- Please read these instructions thoroughly before using your *Mexican Hammock*.
- Store in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- This is NOT a swing. Children using this product must be supervised at all times.
- Take extra care with anything that will catch on the strings such as buttons or studs.
- Please check your hammock safe capacity each and every time prior to using. Do not use it more than the recommended safe capacity or if there are any major faults.
- Do NOT leave your hammock outdoors in the rain or expose it to direct sunlight. The fabric and colour will deteriorate, reducing the lifespan of the hammock.

Caring for your Hammock

Storage

- Keep your hammock indoors when not in use, store in a cool, dry place. Never put away your hammock damp.
- Direct sunlight and rain will deteriorate and reduce the lifespan of your hammock in time and the colours may run or change. Salt spray from the sea will also damage your hammock, so it is important to rinse your hammock regularly.

Folding your Hammock

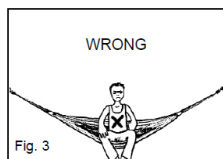
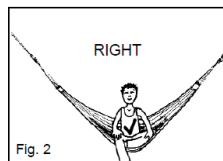
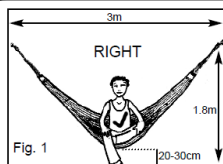
- Tie a few loose knots in the end of strings as seen in the figure to prevent tangles.
- Always transport your hammock in a bag to avoid snagging.



Washing your Hammock

- Tie a few loose knots in the end of strings at each end like the figure on the right.
- Machine-wash in a regular cycle and spin with **cold water** and **non-bleach detergent**, separated from your laundry.
- Remove hammock immediately after the spin cycle as dyes in the fabric may bleed.
- Do NOT use a dryer. Hang your hammock out to dry.

Where to Hang your Hammock



You will need to find two fixed points from which to hang your hammock. Try trees, beams or posts on your verandah. **Never hang your hammock from a free standing brick wall.** A Mexican Hammock will hang in any space of 3 meters or greater this should leave the centre of the hammock about 20-30cm off the ground when you sit in it. (see Fig. 1)

Often the distance will be greater and you will need some rope. It is important to attach one or both ends to a higher point to give the hammock some shape, roughly 90cm higher for each extra metre of span (see Fig. 2).

Stretching the hammock flat like Fig. 3 is not comfortable and may cause it to break. The easiest way to determine where to hang your hammock is by holding the hammock in place before you attach any fixings.

How to Hang your Hammock

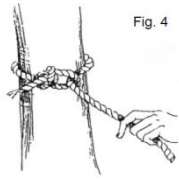


Fig. 4

Trees

Using a single rope (10mm polypropylene), tie a bowline (loop knot) in one end and pass it around the tree. Take the other end through the loop and tighten around the tree. You'll find that by rotating the rope around the tree it will tighten when you pull on the free end as in Fig. 4.

You can also use our "Hammock Hanging Pack".

Use this method for branches, beams of posts. With a smooth post you'll need to pass the rope around twice or more before taking the free end through the loop.

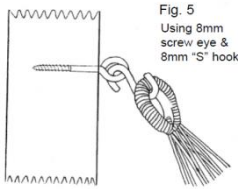


Fig. 5
Using 8mm
screw eye &
8mm "S" hook

Posts and Beams

You can fix a large screw eye into a post or beam. The screw eye can be attached directly to your hammock with an S hook (Fig. 5) or using a length of rope. You can also use our "Hammock Screw and Hook Kit". Never attach to brick or concrete pillars unless you are certain they are safe.

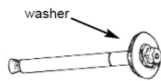


Fig. 6

Masonry Walls

For sturdy masonry walls (not free standing ones like garden walls nor single brick, air brick or besser blocks), use a 10mm dyna bolt (Fig. 6) with a large washer at the end from which you can attach a rope.

The Hammock Co recommends these products from our hammock accessories range:



Attaching your Hammock

On Holidays

Direct to rope - Use the knot in Fig. 7, it's quick and easy to undo. Remove the metal eye inserts (if applicable) and keep in a safe place as they will tend to get twisted out by the knot.

At Home

If using rope we recommend securely tying an S hook at the appropriate point (Fig. 8) to allow the hammock to be removed easily. If using a fixed hook or screw eye and S hooks just hook the eye straight on (Fig. 5 in previous section). You can also use our accessories recommended above.

NOTE - If you are using a long piece of rope and find the end of the hammock is twisting too much when you use it then use a doubled piece of rope to solve this problem. (Fig. 9)

Tangling

The end strings of your hammock can get a little tangled when not in use. Before hanging check for tangles by taking the eye in one hand and the corner of the fabric in the other and spread the end strings out. They should fan out evenly - if not you'll see something similar to Fig. 11 or 12. Pass the eye through the end strings as shown by the arrow until the end strings spread evenly. Repeat for the other end of your hammock.

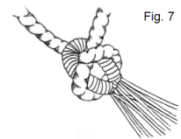


Fig. 7

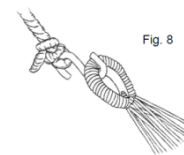


Fig. 8

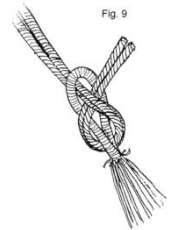


Fig. 9

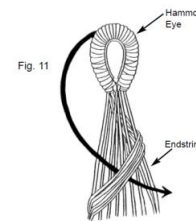


Fig. 11

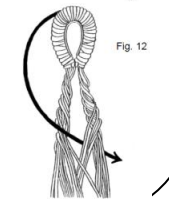


Fig. 12

Lying on your Hammock

The Mexican Hammock is designed to be lain in diagonally and not lengthways. This gives you fantastic back support and loads of space. It is important to start by finding the middle.

