

1. Look for sturdy trees 12–15 ft (4–5 m) apart (About 3 paces/6 steps)

2. Attach 1 in (2.5 cm) webbing straps around the trees (to protect bark) about 6 ft (1.8 m) high to create anchors

Connect suspension rope to straps via a carabiner, lashing, or toggle system, attempting a 30° angle to reduce load strain

3.

Add a tarp for weather protection and a bug net to avoid biting insects

4.

Keep the hammock about chair height (20 in/50 cm) off the ground

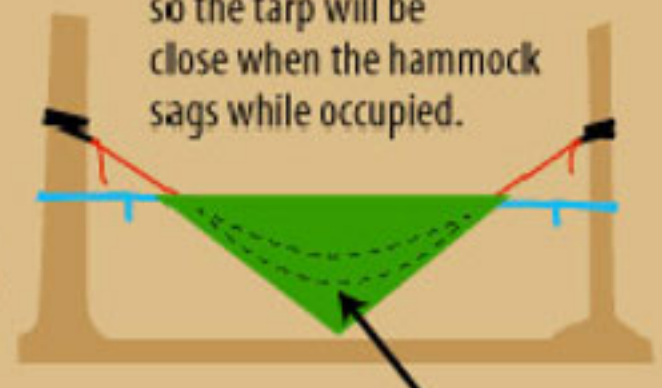
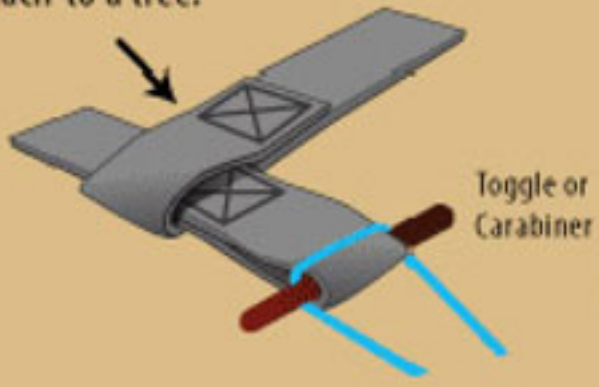
Add a ridgeline to clip gear, attach a bug net, and set a perfect "sag"

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Looped webbing can be threaded through each other (or through a carabiner, etc.) to attach to a tree.

The tarp ridgeline should be tied below the hammock straps so the tarp will be close when the hammock sags while occupied.



A simple 10x10 ft (3x3 m) tarp in a diamond pitch.

THE BASICS of Hammock Camping

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Hammock Camping

The Basics

1.

Look for sturdy trees about 12–15 ft (3.6–4.6 m) apart.

2.

Attach 1–2 in (2.5–5 cm) wide webbing straps around trees (to protect the bark) about 6 ft (1.8 m) high to create attachment points.

3.

Hammock rope can be lashed directly to the webbing, tied to a carabiner, looped through a toggle, or in many other configurations.

4.

Attempt a 30° angle from the hammock line to the tree.

5.

Keep the hammock about chair height, 12–18 in (31–46 cm), above the ground.

7.

Add a tarp for rain and wind protection.

6.

A ridgeline helps make a perfect pitch.

Carabiner

Toggle

30°

Bug Net

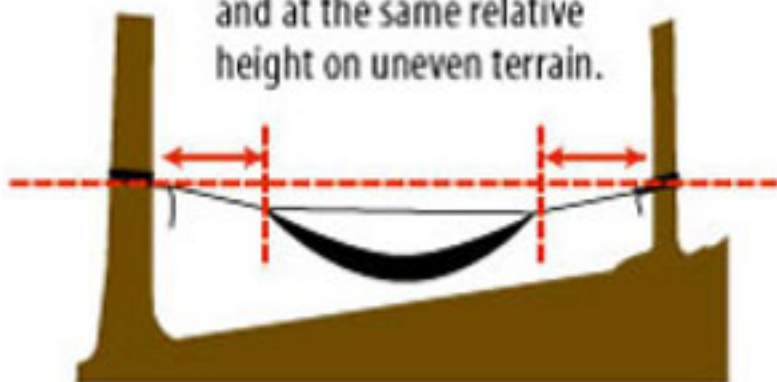
Detail of webbing with sewn, looped ends.

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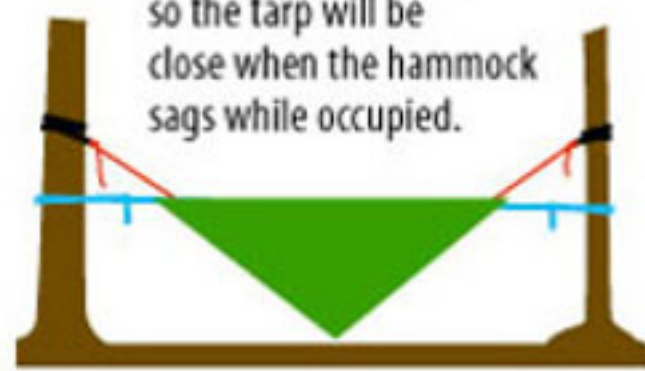
Birds-eye View



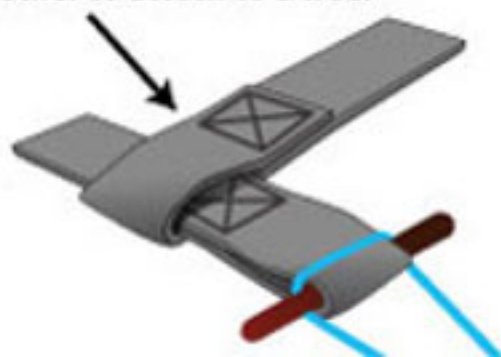
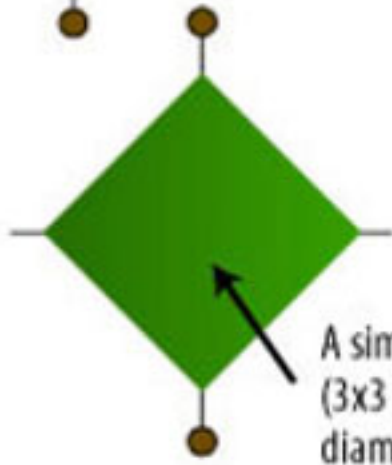
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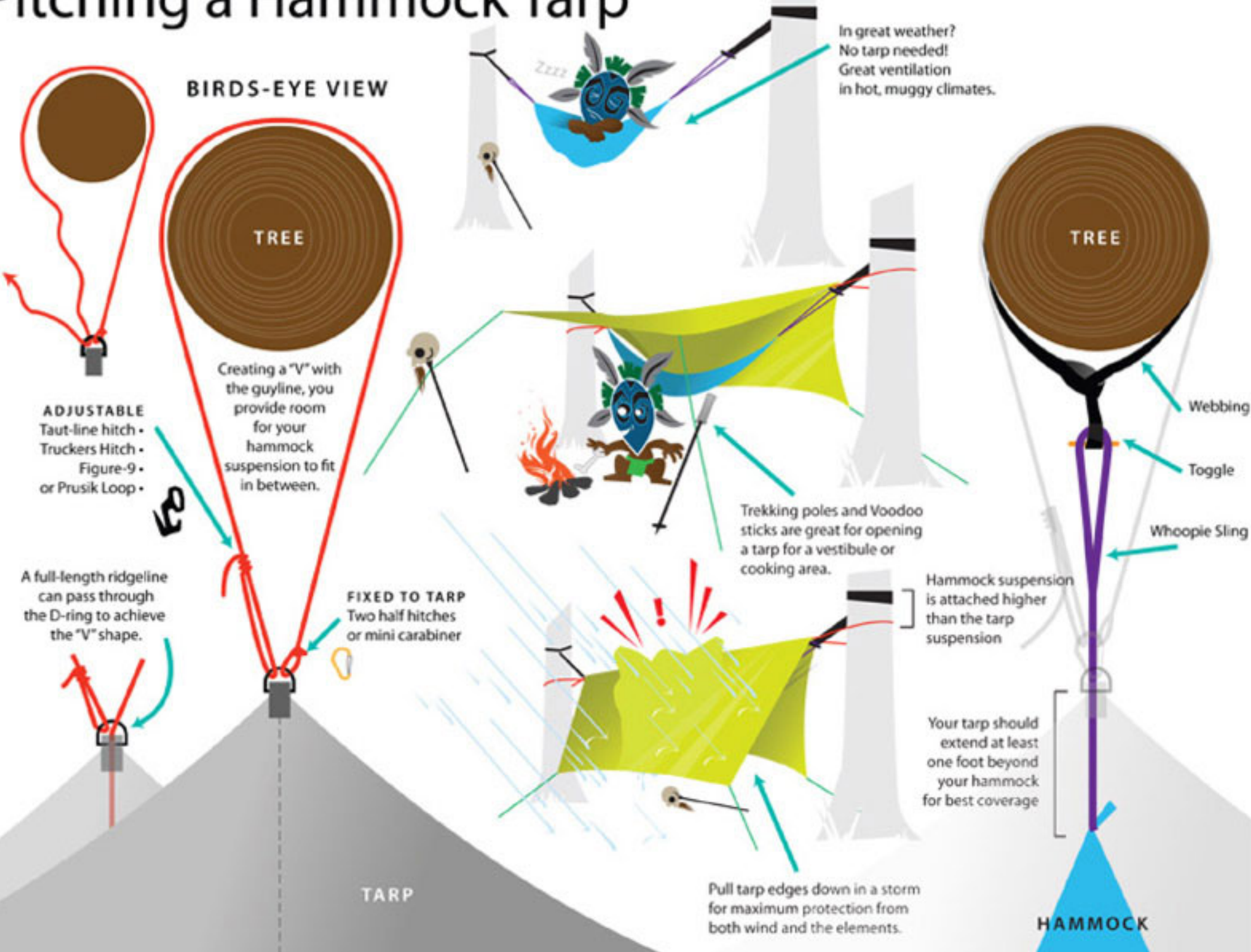
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Pitching a Hammock Tarp

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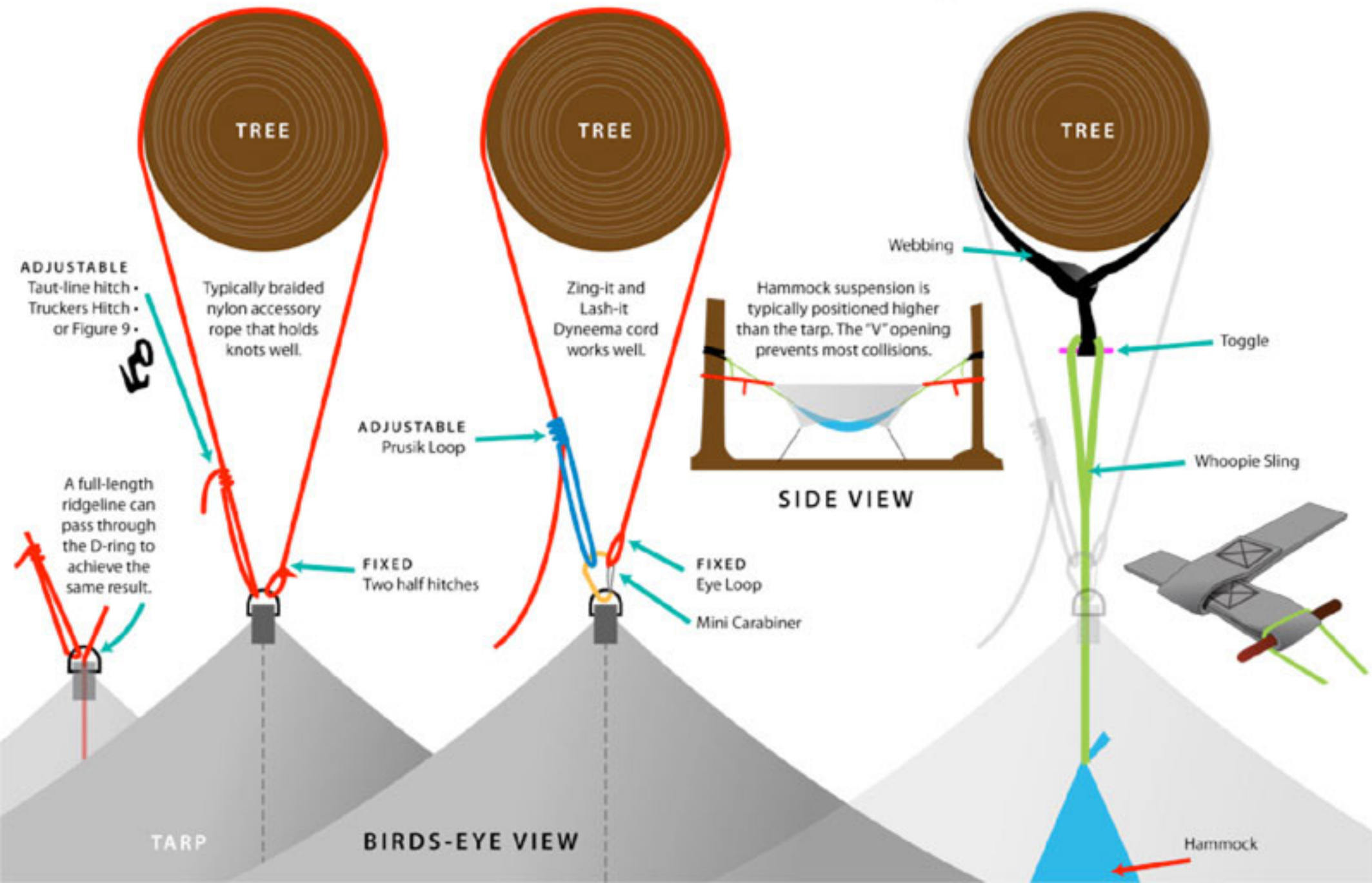
Pitching a Tarp with a Hammock

By pitching the tarp line in a "V," the hammock suspension can easily hang between the tarp line without any interference.

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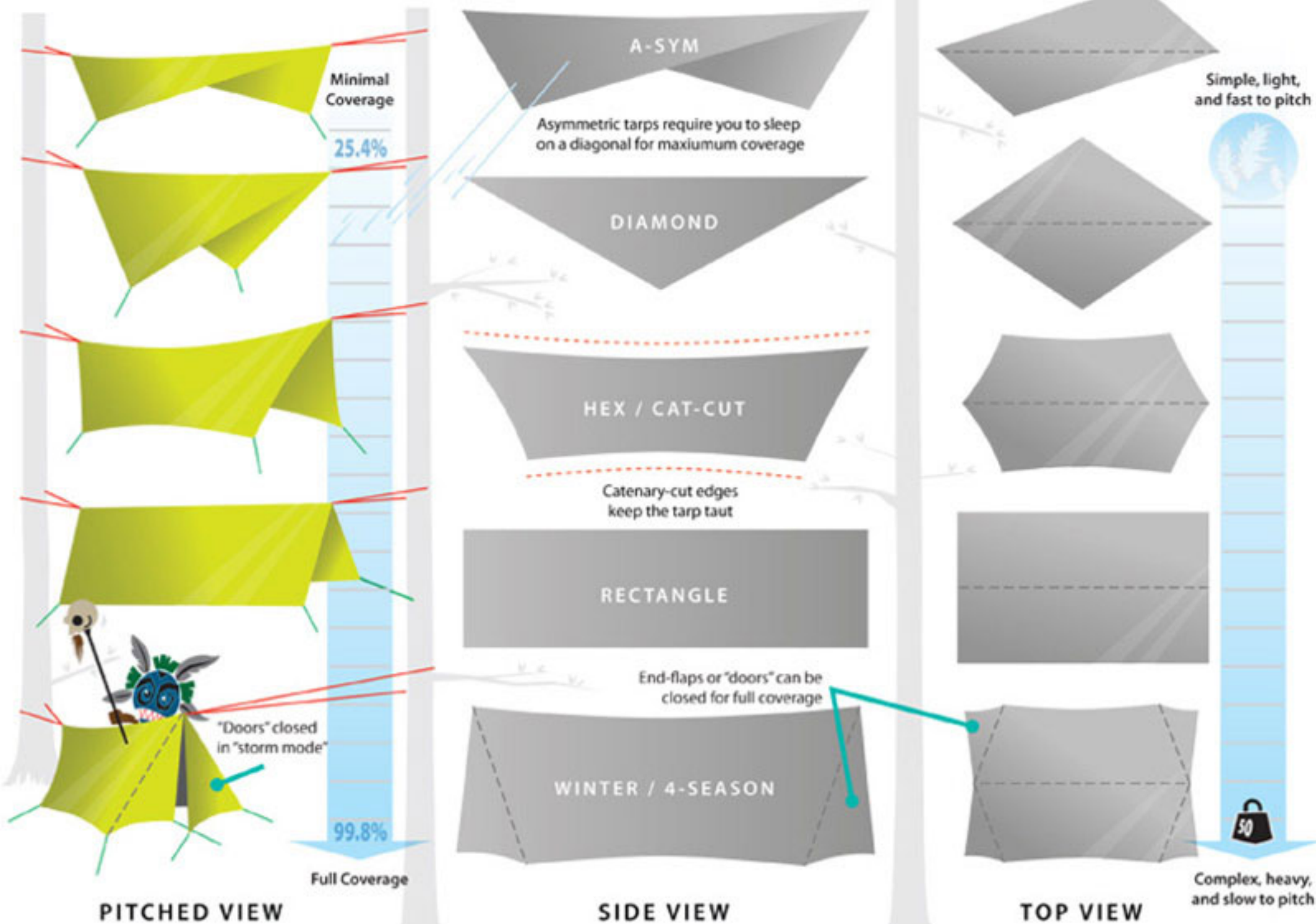
Knot Method

Prusik Method



Common Hammock Tarps

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Triangle Underquilt Suspension Adapters *for hammocks*

