

Double Tripod Chippewa Kitchen

Materials needed for a Double Tripod Chippewa Kitchen

- 2 10' x 3" platform support spars (For a smaller Chippewa Kitchen, 8' spars work great.)
- 6 8' x 3" tripod leg spars
- 6 6' x 2.5" tripod braces
- 20-40 3' to 4' x 2" floor spars (depending on the size of the cooking surface required)
- 16 15' x 1/4" manila lashing ropes for square lashings
- 2 20' x 1/4" manila lashing ropes for tripod lashings
- binder twine for floor lashing
- piece(s) of burlap or canvas to cover cooking platform

Here's a procedure to make a Double Tripod Chippewa Kitchen:

Build the tripods. Lay three 8' tripod legs side by side and lash them together with a tight tripod or figure eight lashing. Make sure the butt ends are at the bottom and even.

Stand the tripod up by crossing the outside legs underneath the middle leg.

Repeat this process for the second tripod.



Lash on the tripod braces. Connect the two outside legs with one of the 6' tripod braces. Using tight square lashings, lash the brace so it is perpendicular to the ground and three feet high. Lash another 6' tripod brace to each outside leg and connect them to the middle leg with square lashings, about two feet and two and a half feet high respectfully.

Repeat this process for the second tripod, making sure the brace connecting the outside legs is again, three feet high.

Position the tripods. Place the tripods so the 6' tripod braces lashed to the outside legs (the ones that are three feet off the ground) are facing each other. These braces are the ones that will hold up the long platform support spars, which in turn will support the cooking platform. The distance between the two tripods should be close enough so the long platform support spars can extend over each brace by at least six inches.

Lash on the platform support spars. Place the long platform support spars parallel to each other on top of the three foot high tripod brace on each tripod. Space them apart so the shortest floor spar will extend over their edges by six inches on either side. Lash them in place with tight square lashings.

Lash on the floor spars. The cooking surface is made up of 3' to 4' x 2" floor spars, depending on how wide a cooking area will be required. These are lashed onto the parallel platform supports with a [floor lashing](#) using binder twine.

Prepare the cooking surface. Prior to adding mineral soil, and to keep the mineral soil from falling through spaces between the floor spars, spread pieces of burlap or canvas over the platform.

Finally, cover the platform with a layer of mineral soil thick enough to protect the floor spars from the intense heat that will be generated from the coals during cooking.



Construction is logical and easy. Burlap is a practical layer between the platform floor spars and the mineral soil.