

Wash Station



Washing up before lunch.

This wash station is the ideal First Class Camp Gadget! It's sturdy, portable, and very useful when camping away from washroom facilities. Inherent in its design is a sound approach to a variety of pioneering concepts and skills. When this project's built with all the lashings tight and all the legs, cross bar, and support pieces properly positioned, it's a fine example of a well-engineered, highly functional camp gadget. Each of the three legs making up the tripod gets a lashed on support piece, and the wash station's stability stems from the fact the design contains three triangles.



Getting it done!

To start, you'll need six good, straight sticks as follows:

- 2 2' x 3/4 to 1" for the leg braces
- 2 4' x 3/4 to 1" for the back leg and crossbar
- 2 5' x 3/4 to 1" for the front legs

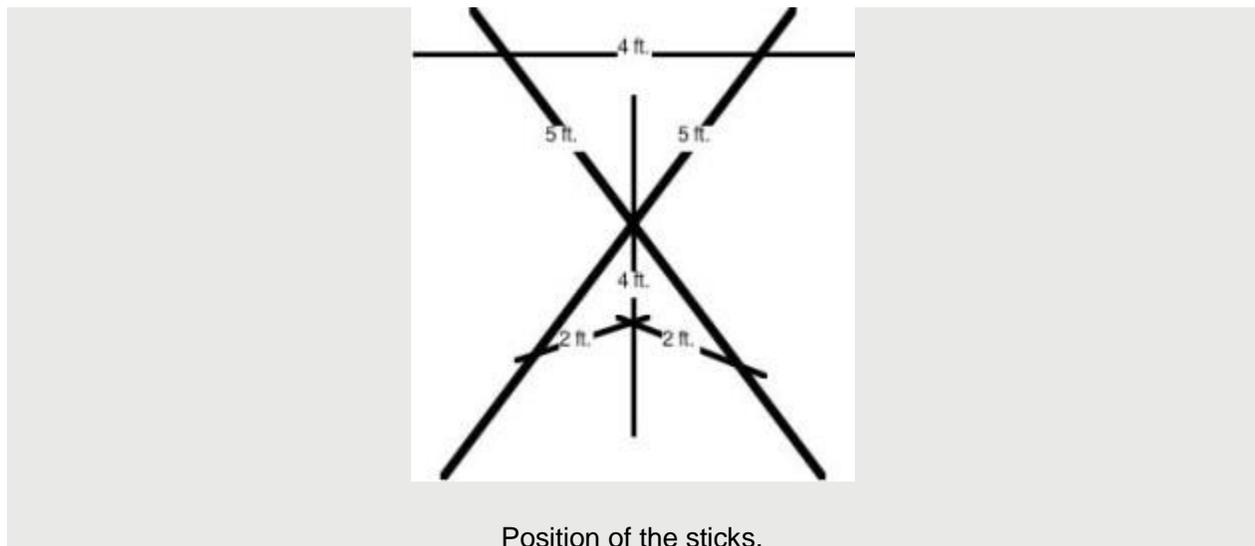
For the lashings, you'll need:

- 1 10' x 1/4 manila rope for the tripod lashing
- 6 6' x 1/4" manila ropes for the square lashings

You'll also need

- bar of soap in a sock with a 3' cord
- small to medium-sized towel with a 3' cord
- No. 10 can with a bail or 4 qt. cooking pot with a bail.

Here's the assembly procedure:



Make the tripod. Using the 10' rope, lash the two 5' sticks and one 4' stick together with a tight tripod lashing. The 4' stick should be in the middle. *Make sure the "butt" ends of all three these sticks are even.* Separate the legs and set the tripod up. The success of this project relies on a well-tied, *tight* tripod lashing.

Lash on the braces. Using four tight square lashings, with the 6' ropes lash one end of the 2' sticks to the 5' legs and the other end of the 2' sticks to the four-foot leg.

Lash on the crossbar. Using two more square lashings, tightly lash the other 4' stick to the top extended sections of the two 5' sticks to make a cross bar for the towel and soap-in-a-sock.

Add the soap, water, and towel. Tie the end of one 3' cord to the soap-in-a-sock and the end of the other 3' cord to the towel, and hang them on either side of the 4' crossbar.



Washing his hands before breakfast on a cold, winter camping trip.

Hang the can filled with water to the end of the 4' stick extending from the front of the tripod.

During the camping trip, change the water as necessary. See that the soap-in-a-sock is not left in the can after use as it will melt.

One of the beauties of using metal containers is that in cold weather, the can of water can be heated in the fire.