

Fast Tarp Shelter

Sometimes you need to set up a tarp very quickly. For example, you might get caught in an unexpected rain shower. Or perhaps you are on a hike, and you would like to have protection from sun or wind while you prepare and eat lunch. Here is one of the quickest ways to set up a simple tarp shelter. It only takes a few minutes.

1. For you first step, spread your tarp on the ground in a diamond shape, with one corner pointing towards a tree. Tie one end of your paracord to that tarp corner using a taut line hitch.
2. Tie the other end to the tree trunk as high up as you can reach. Use another taut line hitch.
3. Stake the tarp corner farthest from the tree to the ground. Then stake the remaining two corners and side gromets.
4. To give yourself more headroom, use a hiking stick as pillar inside.

These two photos show what your tarp will look like from the front and back view:



