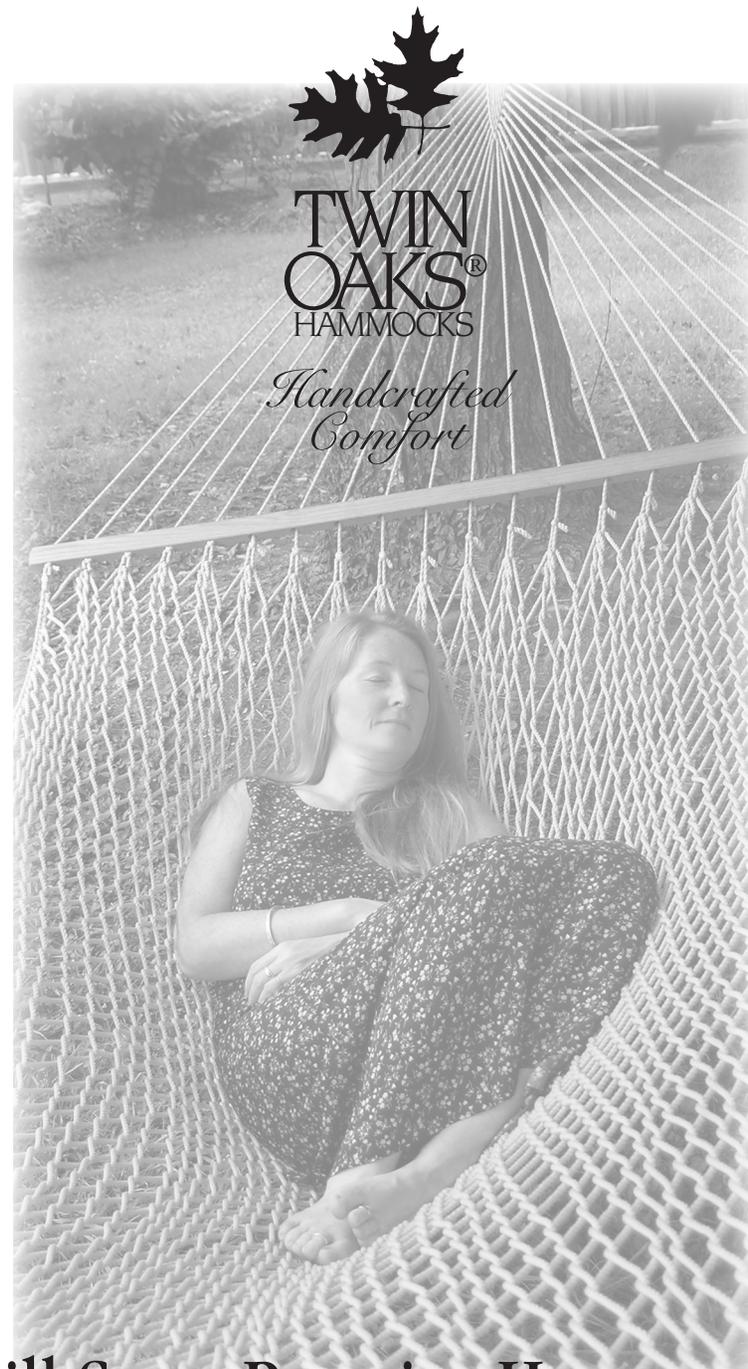




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*If a manufacturing defect becomes evident within two years of purchase, we will repair or replace your hammock at no charge. We also repair hammocks that are not under warranty for a small charge. Please notify us before shipping any hammock for repair or replacement.*

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**SilkSpun Premier Hammock**

## About the Size of Your Twin Oaks Hammock

Your new hammock may initially be shorter than its full 13 – 13.5 ft (396 – 411cm) length. It will stretch to its proper length after a short time in use.

## Safety First

For your safety and comfort, please read and carefully follow all the precautions listed within.

## Location

Hammocks are versatile! Although they are traditionally swung between two big trees, you can also hang them between posts set in the ground, on a porch, or on a hammock stand.

## Height and Distance Between Hanging Points

It's easiest to hang your hammock in a space that is one or two feet (30 – 60 cm) longer than the 13 – 13.5 ft (396 – 411 cm) overall length of the hammock. In such a space, the hardware to hang your hammock should ordinarily be mounted five to six feet (1.5 m to 1.8 m) off the ground. If the distance between the hanging points is shorter try mounting the screw-hooks higher; the hammock will bow more than usual. If the distance between the hanging points is longer, you can mount the hardware higher and use extra chain and S-hooks, and the hammock will hang as normal.

## Hammock Hooks

A Twin Oaks Hammock Hanging Kit includes welded steel chain and 3/8" (1 cm) steel hammock hooks designed with enough curve to keep the hammock ring from slipping off as the hammock moves. Please use this or hardware with equivalent strength and design. Make certain the wooden supports you are using are strong enough. We recommend trees or posts be a minimum of

6" (15 cm) in diameter or posts a minimum of 4" x 6" (10 cm x 15 cm) in size. Do not use wood supports that are cracked, split or rotten or too soft to properly hold the screw hooks. Drill a pilot hole where you want your hooks. This pilot hole should be approximately 1/2 the diameter of the screw of the hammock hook. For example, if the hammock hook screw is 3/8" (1 cm) in diameter, then the pilot hole should be approximately 3/16" (0.5 cm). Screw the hammock hooks into the pilot holes. Be sure to set the screw deep enough that the eye is against the wood but **do not over tighten the screw or allow the hook assembly or eye screw to be twisted or bent.** Install screw hooks only on the side of the tree or post facing the hammock. Your hammock should not pull sideways on the hook.

## Using Posts to Hang Your Hammock

Setting posts in the ground allows you to install your hammock wherever you like, even if you don't have trees. See previous instructions ("Using Hammock Hooks") for dimensions and other information regarding wooden posts. Post holes

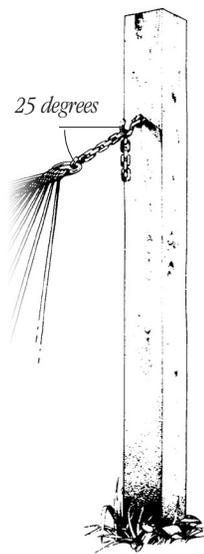


Figure 1

should be at least three feet (0.9 m) deep and carefully back-filled with concrete. Remove air pockets. While concrete is fresh, posts may be tilted slightly away from the direction of the hammock. Wait at least 24 hours before hanging your hammock.

## SAFE Hammock Installation

Use one or two lengths chain and S-hooks as necessary to reach between the hammock and the hooks. See *Figure 1*.

It is normal for your new hammock to stretch considerably; the first time you hang a new hammock, stretch it very tight.

**Be especially careful when getting into the hammock for the first time! As it stretches under your weight be careful not to hit the ground, or if using a hammock stand not to hit the center pipe.**

Be careful not to let the hammock tip as you get in.

As it stretches, keep shortening the chain. If you store it for months, you may have to stretch it like this again. After it stretches you can get into it much more easily.

Once the hammock is stretched out, it should be hung loosely enough that when the hammock is in use (when there is weight in it) the angle of the chain as illustrated in *Figure 1* is at least 25 degrees from horizontal. Hanging your hammock more tightly than this greatly increases the load to the hardware and supports.

## Hammock Stand

Another way to hang you hammock is to buy a hammock stand. This allows you to place your hammock almost anywhere, and even to move your hammock to different locations (warning: check the stand after each move to assure that the parts are fully inserted into each other. If the stand is loosely connected it could collapse under use and cause serious injury. Our newest stands now have lock

pins to keep the stand parts inserted.) If you would like to buy a stand, you can call Twin Oaks Hammocks at (800) 688-8946, or contact your local hammocks retailer.

## Safe Use of Your Hammock

Follow installation directions carefully. Prior to each use, inspect your hammock, hardware, installation points and objects supporting your hammock for wear or weakness. Proceed carefully and take your time getting into and out of your hammock. Any hammock may tip if your weight isn't centered. Swing gently. A hammock is not a playground swing or a trampoline. Excessive swinging and other rough play may result in falls and may wear out your hammock and hardware prematurely. Small children should not play unsupervised in your hammock. **Maximum safe weight limit is 450 pounds (205 kg).**

## Hammock Care

Under normal use, your hammock will last for years. You can increase its useful life by storing it, dry, during seasons when it's not in use, hanging it where it will be shaded most of the day, and protecting it from dogs, rodents and other animals that might chew or nest in the rope.

## Cleaning Your Hammock

The synthetic bed of your hammock is washable with warm water and a mild detergent or soap. Don't use harsh chemical cleaners or bleach. Rinse well and let it dry thoroughly before storing.

## Wood Finish

Your hammock's wood spreader boards are solid oak protected with linseed oil. Left alone they will weather to a natural barn grey. If you prefer to keep the look of finished wood, we recommend you varnish or oil them frequently (every six months of use).