The Twin Seats Butterfly Hammock is about 12 ft ring to ring. It is rated to support 450 lbs and comes with all the necessary hanging hardware, plus a hook on each ring, to adjust the slant. There are 3 adjustment points: at both ends (to adjust the slant) and in the middle (to adjust the divider).

Safe use of your hammock:
Follow instructions carefully. Small children should not play unsupervised in your hammock. Excessive swinging or other rough play may result in falls. Before each use inspect your hammock and objects supporting it for wear or weakness.

Care and cleaning of your hammock:
Under normal use, your hammock will last for years. You can increase its useful life by storing it, dry, during winter or other times 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. The synthetic rope 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. Before rolling it, remove the S-hook from the ring to avoid tangling with the ropes in the bed.

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Handmade in the U.S.A., Twin Oaks Hammocks have been crafted by the members of Twin Oaks Community since 1967. Apart from being committed to your satisfaction, we are also committed to a lifestyle that values cooperation, sharing, and equality.

Warranty: If a manufacturing defect becomes evident within two years of purchase, we will repair or replace your hammock at no charge. We also offer a repair service for hammocks not under warranty.

Please notify us before shipping any hammock for repair or replacement.

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Here are the fundamental ways in which our Twin Seats Butterfly hammock is different:

- It hangs at a slant so one side is lower than the other, making it look and feel more like a couch. We also provide you an easy way to adjust its slant.
- We have re-designed the woven bed to create a shape that supports your legs, seat, and back in several semi-reclined positions similar to an adjustable recliner chair.
- The bed has a divider so 2 occupants do not slide into each other, and it is easily adjustable for more or less division.

First Use:

**The 1st time you sit in the hammock, the rope will stretch!** Pull the hammock tight when 1st hanging it, and be cautious the 1st time you sit in it to assure the hammock does not stretch and shift so much that you hit whatever is below you. If needed, stand up to adjust the chain and sit again. Let it stretch for a few minutes as you experiment with different positions. Then consider if you want to adjust it to be lower or higher. (After it stretches and you have adjusted it, the hammock will remain stretched so you can sit in it without any further adjusting. If you store it for several months you may have to stretch it again.)

Hang your hammock from 2 adequately strong points that are 13–15 ft apart and about 4.5–5.0 ft high. For longer distances buy extra chain and strong S-hooks and install the hooks higher. Ideally hammocks are hung from trees or posts (at least 6 inches diameter to be safe). Or you can also use a hammock stand rated to support at least 450 pounds. Other options are support posts in your porch, if at least 6 inches diameter, or strong porch ceiling rafters at least 18 ft apart with lots of extra chain.

**If attaching the hammock hook to wood,** examine the wood to be certain it is strong enough, not cracked or rotted or too soft hold the hook. Then drill a hole about \( \frac{1}{2} \) the diameter of the wood screw on the hook, and force twist the screw into the wood. The hammock hooks included are ½” (1cm) steel, designed with enough curve to keep the hammock ring from slipping off as the hammock moves. Please use these or equivalent hardware.

**To Use:** After you have correctly hung the Butterfly Hammock and cautiously sat in it the first time to stretch the rope, sit on the low side of the hammock like you would a couch or chair. This position is comfortable, and is good for reading, writing or using a laptop. To recline more, as you would in an adjustable reclining chair, simply shift your shoulders toward the wood spreader bars, and maybe put one or both feet up in the hammock, to seek whatever angle of reclining you like. If putting your feet up while sharing the hammock with another person, either bend your knees to put your foot or feet on your side of the divider or tuck them under you. If you want a cuddly connection with the other person, or if using the hammock solo, you can put your feet across the divider, into the other seat.

Shifting to recline towards the spreader bar will also face you more toward the other side of the hammock, which is good for conversation when sitting with company. All of these positions of relaxed reclining provide good back support as the hammock adjusts to support you in whatever position you choose. It also keeps your head vertical enough to see horizontally, for talking to others or seeing your yard; or to look down for reading or using your laptop or cell phone. (Note: The hammock shifts when sat in and will be deeper when one person sits in it than when two sit. For a more even depth, when two people are sitting, have the lighter person sit first.)

**To Stand Up:** If your Butterfly hammock is hung from unmovable support points, such as trees or posts, simply put your feet below you and back up till you are standing. (Do Not do this with a hammock stand, it will fall over and so will you.)

**If using a hammock stand,** put your feet on the ground or floor as far back under you as possible, try to put your heels on the bar below you, put one hand on the middle divider and the other on the wood bar, lean forward and stand up, pushing a little with your hands. If by yourself in the hammock standing will be easier if you swing the hammock back and then forward, and on the forward swing lean forward and stand up.

**Hammock Stand Safety** (Our hammock stands have a weight limit of 450 pounds lbs, (205 kg). Exceeding the weight limit of a hammock stand is dangerous and may damage the stand. If moving a hammock stand, check the stand to assure that the parts are fully inserted into each other and locked. If stand parts are not locked to each other the stand could collapse when you get in the hammock and cause serious injury.

To adjust the hammock’s slant Go to the hook the hammock hangs from. You will find there an S-hook in a link of the chain. To adjust the hammock to hang more vertically, put the top support rope onto the S-hook. Do this on one or both ends. For an even more vertical slant, loop the rope twice around the S-hook, or move the S-hook to the next higher chain link.

To adjust the divider Untie bow knot at the top of the divider and tighten for more division or loosen for less division; then retie the bow knot.