

ABRIS CRYSTAL

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Double car shelter

18 × 20 ft • 8 ft high

11 steps | 3 people | Frame • tarp • doors • anchoring

INTERACTIVE GUIDE

Scan to follow each step on your phone.

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Read the whole guide before you start. Keep it for reassembly.

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Before you start

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PEOPLE RECOMMENDED

Plan for 3 people: the shelter is heavy to lift.

FLAT GROUND

Assemble the shelter on flat, clear ground, close to where it will stand.

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STEPS

Follow them in order. Each step lists its parts.

TOOLS

- Gloves
- Safety glasses
- Drill-driver
- Wing-nut bit (not included)
- Wrench
- Pliers
- Tape measure
- Hammer
- Stepladder
- Box cutter

HOW TO READ THIS GUIDE

SR ×3 = the part code and the quantity, as in the list on page 3.

A gold circle shows exactly where to look.

☐ Check off each step when it's done.

The photos show a 6 ft 6 in 20 × 24: same steps, longer legs here.

Golden rule: wing nuts **W1** facing in, tightened with the drill-driver as you go. Check them all in step 9.

IMPORTANT · SAFETY

- **This shelter must be securely anchored.** It is a temporary structure, not recommended as a permanent structure.
- Anti-wind straps (sold separately): **highly recommended**. On pavers, asphalt or concrete: **permanent anchor**.
- Read and follow the warnings printed on your tarp.
- Read the whole guide before assembly.

The 11 steps

FRAME

01 Prepare the parts
02 Assemble the 2 end arches
03 Assemble the 4 middle arches
04 Assemble the roof (on the ground)

TARP

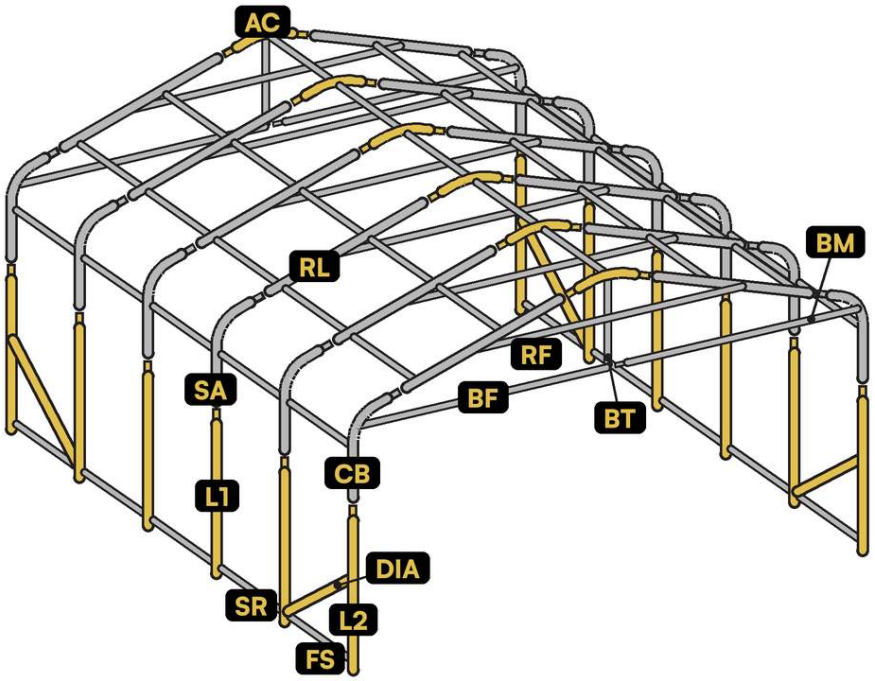
05 Put on the tarp
06 Legs and diagonal braces — side 1
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08 Tighten and tie the tarp

FINISHING

09 Square it and check
10 Install the doors
11 Anchor the shelter

Parts list · 18 × 20 ft · 8 ft high

Check off each part before you start. Missing a part? Call us at 450-914-1444.





Hardware: bolts and wing nuts W1



Doors: ring DH, hook S, elastic tie AE (photo: single shelter)

FRONT bottom right. Every arch: centre AC, 2 extensions RL, stiffener RF, 2 corners. End arches: also the door bar BF + BM and the T-bar BT. 9 lines of spacers. At the 4 corners: L2 + DIA. Legs: narrow end up. Long legs in one piece (about 5 ft 8 in): that is what makes it 8 ft high.

ARCHES

☐	AC	Arch centre	6
☐	RL	Arch extension	12
☐	RF	Arch stiffener	6
☐	CB	End corner (2 holes)	4
☐	SA	Arch corner (1 hole)	8

END ARCHES

☐	BF	Female door bar	2
☐	BM	Male door bar	2
☐	BT	T-bar	2

LEGS AND SPACERS

☐	L2	Long 2-hole leg	4
☐	L1	Long leg	8
☐	DIA	Diagonal brace	4
☐	SR	Male spacer	36
☐	FS	Female spacer	9

TARP AND DOORS

☐	T	Tarp (doors sewn on)	1
☐	CO	Rope	1
☐	DH	Door ring	24
☐	S	S-hook	24
☐	AE	Elastic tie	24

HARDWARE

☐	B5	Stiffener bolt 5⁄16 in	12
☐	W5	Wing nut 5⁄16 in	12
☐	B1	Door bar bolt 2 ½ in	6
☐	B3	Diagonal bolt 3 in	4
☐	B2	Long bolt 4 in	54
☐	W1	Wing nut ¼ in	64

ANCHORING

☐	U	Anchor	4
☐	CU	Anchor nail	8

01 Prepare the parts

All the parts on the ground, sorted, ready to assemble.

☐ DONE





Wing nuts **W1** in the middle

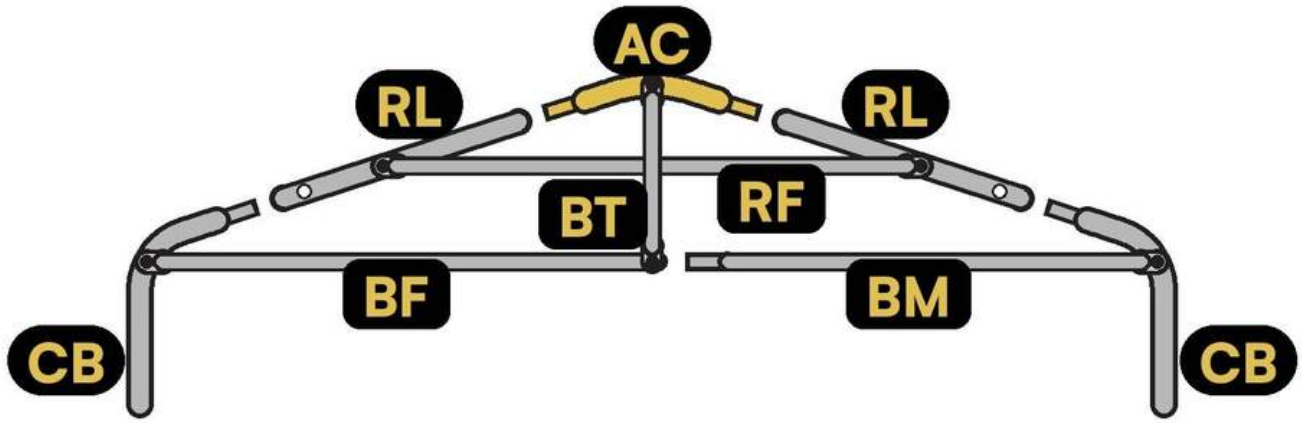
1. Open the box carefully: don't cut the tarp. Leave it folded until step 5.
2. Check off each part in the list on page 3. Lay matching parts out in rows; don't mix up the legs and the extensions **RL**.
3. Set aside the parts for the 2 end arches: 4 corners with 2 holes **CB**, door bars **BF** **BM**, T-bars **BT**.
4. Sort the hardware by size: stiffener bolts **B5** and wing nuts **W5**, bolts **B1**, **B3** and **B2**, wing nuts **W1**.

KEY POINT A narrow end always goes into a wide end.

02 Assemble the 2 end arches

The front and back arches, complete, on the ground.

☐ DONE



End arch (parts spread out)



Door bar joint

PARTS FOR THIS STEP

AC	×2	Arch centre
RL	×4	Arch extension
RF	×2	Arch stiffener
CB	×4	End corner (2 holes)
BF	×2	Female door bar
BM	×2	Male door bar
BT	×2	T-bar
B5	×4	Stiffener bolt 5⁄16 in
W5	×4	Wing nut 5⁄16 in
B1	×6	Door bar bolt 2 ½ in
W1	×6	Wing nut ¼ in

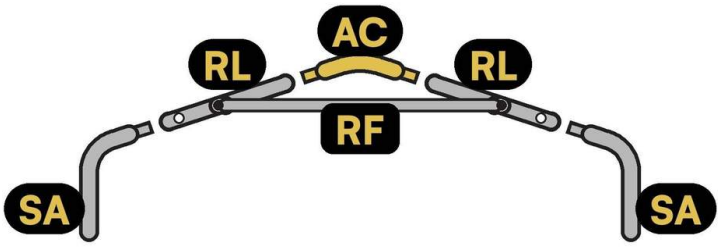
1. Both ends of the centre AC go into extensions RL, at their end with no hole nearby. The short end of corner CB goes into the other end.
2. Bolt the stiffener RF across, under the centre, to the 2 extensions: B5 + W5.
3. Slide the narrow end of the male bar BM into the female BF. At the joint, bolt the bottom of the T-bar BT: B1 + W1.
4. Door bar ends: to a corner CB, B1 + W1. Top of BT: bent end pointing up, not bolted. Build the 2nd arch the same way.

03 Assemble the 4 middle arches

4 middle arches on the ground: like step 2, without door bar or T-bar.

☐ DONE





Middle arch (parts spread out)

PARTS FOR 1 MIDDLE ARCH

AC	Arch centre	×1
RL	Arch extension	×2
RF	Arch stiffener	×1
SA	Arch corner (1 hole)	×2
B5	Stiffener bolt 5⁄16 in	×2
W5	Wing nut 5⁄16 in	×2

×4 Repeat for the 4 arches

1. As in step 2: both ends of the centre AC into extensions RL (end with no hole nearby), the short end of corner SA into the other end.
2. Bolt the stiffener RF to the 2 extensions: B5 + W5, as in step 2.
3. Tighten the wing nuts with the drill-driver. Repeat for the 4 middle arches.

04 Assemble the roof (on the ground)

The 6 arches standing on the ground, joined by 7 lines of spacers. The legs come in steps 6 and 7.

☐ DONE





End-arch ridge: arch, bent end of **BT**, spacer, wing nut

PARTS FOR THIS STEP

SR	Male spacer	**×28**
FS	Female spacer	**×7**
B2	Long bolt 4 in	**×42**
W1	Wing nut ¼ in	**×42**

1. Build from the back to the front (front: the side where cars drive in). Stand the back arch up on its corners, no legs. One person holds it.
2. Lift the next arch. On each of the 7 lines (the ridge and 3 lines on each side), join it with 1 spacer, on the shelter's inner side.
3. Each line, from back to front: 4 male spacers **SR**, narrow end toward the front, then 1 female **FS** in the last section, at the front.
4. Each joint: long bolt **B2** + wing nut **W1** facing in. At the ridge of the end arches: bent end of **BT** on the bolt, then the spacer.

WARNING

Hold the arches until all the spacers are bolted and tightened with the drill: until then, nothing keeps them standing.

05 Put on the tarp

The tarp on the roof, well centred, tied at the front and back.

DONE





Inside, at the front

PARTS FOR THIS STEP

T	Tarp (doors sewn on)	×1
CO	Rope	×1

1. Unfold the tarp beside the shelter. Find the front: the logo goes at the front. The doors are sewn to the tarp.
2. With 3 people, pull the tarp over the arches, gently: never jerk it, it can tear.
3. Centre the tarp on the roof. Inside, close the tarp's velcro straps around the T-bars BT.
4. Cut the rope CO in 2, one per end arch. Its middle at the top; each end goes down one side: grommet, around the arch, next grommet.

GOOD TO KNOW

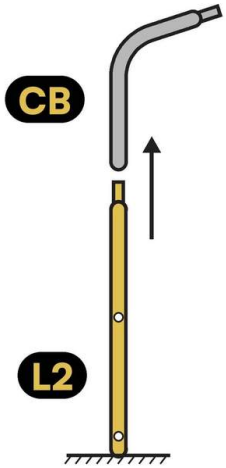
Tarp on before the legs: you work under cover if it rains or snows.

06 Legs and diagonal braces — side 1

One side of the shelter on its legs, with its 2 diagonal braces: one at the front, one at the back.

☐ DONE





Long leg, in one piece: wide end down

PARTS FOR THIS STEP

L2	×2	Long 2-hole leg
L1	×4	Long leg
DIA	×2	Diagonal brace
SR	×4	Male spacer
FS	×1	Female spacer
B2	×6	Long bolt 4 in
B3	×2	Diagonal bolt 3 in
W1	×8	Wing nut ¼ in

1. With 3 people, lift one side high enough for the long legs. The other stays on the ground.
2. Legs: narrow end up, into the corner. First the legs with holes L2, under the front and back arches, then the L1 in the middle.
3. From the front, join the feet: 1 female FS, then 4 male spacers SR. Each leg: bolt B2 + wing nut W1; 2nd leg from each end: bolt only.
4. Diagonal braces DIA, front and back: bottom onto the 2nd leg's bolt B2, then its wing nut W1. Top: top hole of L2, B3 + W1.

KEY POINT Spacers, diagonal braces and wing nuts: on the inner side of the shelter. Otherwise they damage the tarp.

07 Legs and diagonal braces — side 2

The whole frame on its legs. 4 diagonal braces in all: 2 at the front, 2 at the back.

☐ DONE





Seen from inside

PARTS FOR THIS STEP

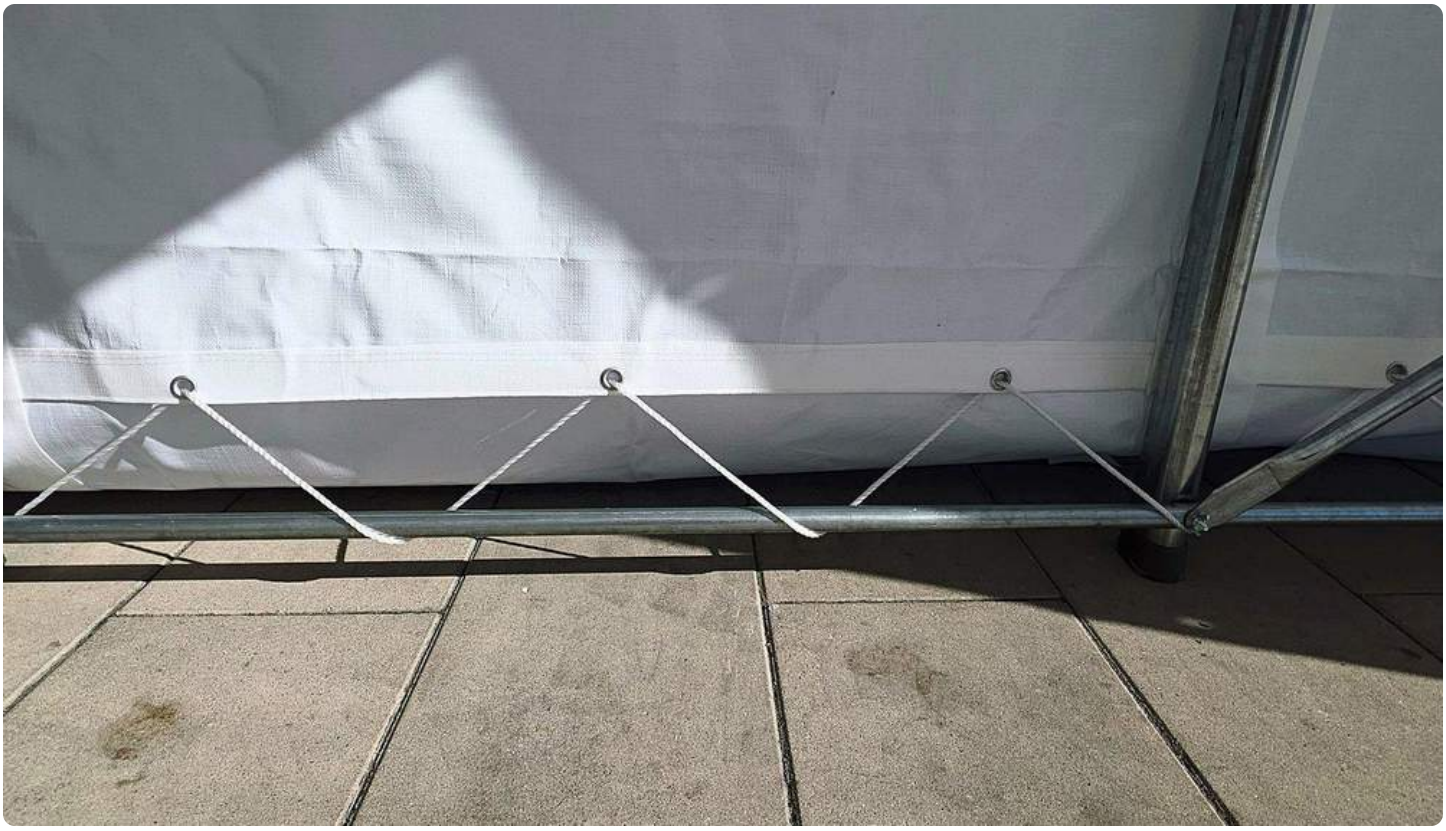
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1. With 3 people, from the inside, lift the other side high enough for the long legs: the tarp comes with it.
2. Insert the legs as in step 6: narrow end up, L2 at both ends, L1 in the middle.
3. Install the foot spacers (4 SR + 1 FS), then the 2 diagonal braces DIA on this side, as in step 6.

08 Tighten and tie the tarp

A tight tarp that doesn't move.

DONE





The knot

PARTS

No new parts: the rest of the rope **CO** from step 5.

1. At the front and back, run the rope down along the arch to the foot of the legs.
2. At the bottom, on both sides: thread the rope through each grommet of the tarp and around the foot spacer, zigzag.
3. Pull the rope grommet by grommet to tighten the tarp, then tie the end at the foot of a leg.

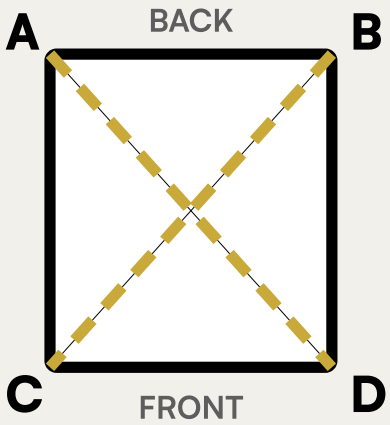
09 Square it and check

The shelter square, all wing nuts tight.

DONE



Square: the arches line up from end to end



Seen from above

PARTS

No new parts. Tools: tape measure, wrench or drill-driver.

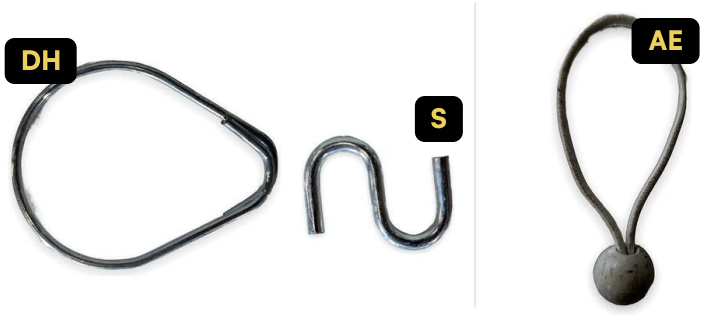
1. Measure both diagonals of the X (A to D, then B to C). Equal: it's square. If not, gently push one corner without loosening anything, then measure again.
2. Check every wing nut W1 and W5: tight, facing in, not touching the tarp. Re-tighten it if needed.

10 Install the doors

The front and back doors hung, ties and hooks in place. Shiny side out.

☐ DONE





PARTS

Rings DH, S-hooks S and elastic ties AE.

Ring DH · hook S · elastic tie AE (photo: single shelter)

1. Using the stepladder, hang the top of each door on the door bar: one ring DH through each grommet, around the bar.
2. Thread an elastic tie AE through each grommet along the edge of the door: the ball stays outside.
3. Hook an S-hook S onto the loop of the tie and close that side with pliers.

11 Anchor the shelter

A securely anchored shelter, ready for winter.

☐ DONE



On pavers

PARTS

In the box: 4 anchors **U** + 8 anchor nails **CU**.

1. Place the 4 anchors **U** over the foot spacer: one near each corner. Fasten them depending on your ground:
2. Soil or grass: fasten each anchor with the nails **CU** (included).
3. Pavers, asphalt or concrete: fasten **U** to a permanent anchor in the ground (sold separately).

WARNING

An unanchored shelter can blow away or collapse. Anchor it before you use it. Anti-wind straps (sold separately): not required, but highly recommended.

ALL DONE

Your shelter is ready.

A few simple habits to make it last.



Interactive guide

Every step of this guide, on your phone.

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Tips to make your shelter last

1. **Clear the snow often.** Don't let snow or ice build up on the roof or the sides.
2. **From the outside, gently.** Push the snow off with a broom or a snow pusher. Never use a pointed or sharp tool on the tarp.
3. **Both sides, in turn.** Clear one side, then the other, alternating. Never just one side.
4. **A tight tarp lasts longer.** Re-tighten the rope and the wing nuts W1 after a few days, then after every big windstorm.
5. **Nothing rubs on the tarp.** Keep the wing nuts facing the inside of the shelter: rubbing wears out the tarp.
6. **In the spring.** Take it down in the reverse order of assembly. Store the tarp clean and fully dry. Don't leave it up in summer: the sun wears it out.

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