

## WALL TENTS MADE IN DENVER

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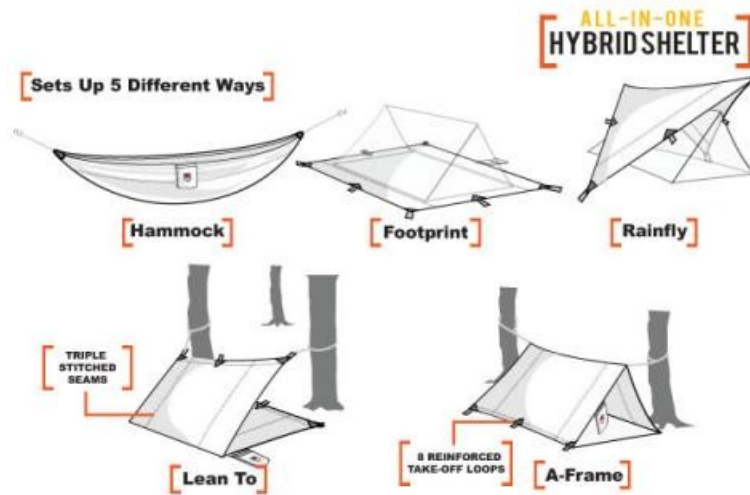
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**Which tent would be best for you?**

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This thread isn't necessarily intended to make this decision for you. It does however break down some

of the major pro's and con's for the main tent designs, in order to help you narrow the field of consideration, and perhaps make a decision. Modern "Coleman" style camping tents are not considered in this breakdown, as I do not consider them viable solutions for long-term, semi-permanent camping. Listed near the tent type is an approximate average cost; this is not to say that the respective tents cannot be found for less, or more. Note that the prices reflected are for new structures, and most of these structures can be found used. This can and should be a living document, as I will incorporate new information (including corrections) as I learn about them, either on my own or through responses in this thread.

Note that all of the following tents can safely have a wood stove for warmth.

### **1) Pyramid Tent - average size 15x15 - average cost \$900**

Pro's

- Relatively low cost
- Generally small, light and easy to store and transport
- Very easy and simple to setup
- Does well in stormy weather
- Made of rugged canvas
- Damaged frame easily replaced without modern supplies

Con's

- Generally small, not as "liveable" as other structures
- Center pole in center of interior space



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### **2) Army Tent - average size 16x32 - average cost \$1,000**

Pro's:

- Large, roomy and very liveable
- Can be found very easily, readily available
- Generally proven design
- Can be found in many sizes, including extremely large 30x60

Con's

- Bulky and heavy for storage and transport

- Average storm durability
- Uses a modern support structure, difficult to adequately repair without access to modern supplies
- Not really customizable, mostly a surplus item
- Cannot support large amounts of weight on roof (snow)
- Somewhat difficult to setup
- Center pole(s) in interior space




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**3) Wall Tent - average size 12x14 - average cost \$1,200 (note: new wall tent prices usually do not include the frame)**

Pro's

- Large and roomy, with vertical walls maximizing usable interior space
- Proven design, much like the Army tent
- Customizable, can be ordered new from manufacturer's like Kirkham's and built to specification - theoretically can be as large as you want it to be
- Manufactured of rugged, long lasting & durable canvas
- Primitive frames (wood) easily repaired without modern supplies

Con's

- Somewhat heavy and bulky for storage and transport
- Vertical walls make it less stable in fierce storms
- Cannot support large amounts of weight on roof (snow)
- Modern frames (metal) difficult to repair without modern supplies
- Somewhat difficult to setup
- Some designs have center pole in interior space



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**4) Cabela's Alaknak - average size 12x20 - average cost \$1,200 (including add-on features)**

Pro's

- Roomy interior
- Large vestibule, can be used as "mud room"
- Durable cover material, lighter than canvas
- Can be purchased as complete kit, in-store or online
- Modern frills & features, designed for comfort
- Center pole makes roof raise to high peak for improved roof support (snow)

Con's

- Cover material relatively new, and not proven "through time" - long term camping longevity somewhat unknown
- Modern structure difficult to repair without modern supplies
- Moderate bulk and weight for storage and transport
- Limited tent sized, 12x20 is the largest available
- Vertical side walls make it less stable in fierce storms than some other structures
- Somewhat difficult to set up
- Center pole in middle of interior tent space



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**5) Tipi - average size 18' (base dia.) - average cost \$1,200 (excluding poles)**

## Pro's

- Roomy interior
- Ability to have open fire within structure
- Proven design
- Extremely stable in the fiercest weather
- Repairable with no modern supplies
- Incorporates double wall design at the bottom 6'
- No poles in internal space

## Con's

- Round shape not conducive to space saving arrangements
- Very bulky and heavy for storage and transport
- Requires lumber rack or modified trailer rack to transport poles
- Tricky and difficult to setup
- Rope staked to ground in center of interior space



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## 6) Turtle Tuff - average size 24' (base dia) - average cost \$2,000

## Pro's



- Extremely rugged frame design (geodesic)
- Very rugged and repairable cover material
- Will stand up to the harshest weather
- Roomy interior
- Available with insulation package
- Somewhat customizable
- Small manufacturer, personal customer service and care
- No poles or ropes or other support features in internal space

#### Con's

- One of the most expensive shelters
- Somewhat heavy and bulky for storage and transport
- Very difficult and time consuming to set up
- Difficult to extremely difficult to adequately repair (frame) without modern supplies, depending on the extent of frame damage



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[www.turtletuffshelters.com](http://www.turtletuffshelters.com)

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This first part is written by someone on a blog. So his own bias is there, but there is a lot of good info.

## **My Order of Preference**

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If I had yet to purchase a tent, this is the order of consideration that each tent would be, for me. Keep in mind that this is just my opinion, and although based in part on experience it's also based in part on what I have been told, or have "heard". Included are basic, nutshell reasons why I have a structure at a given spot.

**1) Tipi.** Obviously I'm a tipi owner, so I am biased here. Also obviously I have a trailer set up to transport tipi poles, so that problem is solved for me. I love tipi's because they are a proven design, they are very roomy inside, they can be repaired without modern supplies, they weather storms very well, they shed snow like no other structure, you can have open fires in the structure if you wanted or needed to.

**2) Turtle Tuff.** I admit, I have never been inside of a TT, or even seen one first-hand. If my family didnt frequent primitive mountain man rendezvous, I probably wouldnt have my experiences with tipi's, and I would probably own a TT, and have them at the top spot. The reason I can rank them so high without having seen one is because I know the frame design concept is simple, sound and very very strong. I believe that Magnome has done his homework in attempt to use the very best materials for both frame and shell. While I believe the tipi will bear snow and weather storms like no other, I believe the TT is not far behind. It really does seem to be an outstanding structure.

**3) Modified Pyramid.** Why would I have this simple, rudimentary structure ranked above the wall tents? Simple, when staked out nice and tight, with good, deep stakes, this simple design will stand up to nasty storms and endure snowfall much better than the vertical-walled wall tents. While they are not quite as roomy as the above tents, large modified pyramids can be had in sizes up to 18x20. The obvious drawback is that as there are no true wall supports, and the wall integrity is really supported by

the taught draw of the set-up, it may be necessary to re-stake the tent after a fierce storm, to get the structure nice and taught again. Really a minor annoyance IMO, and with only two poles to transport, it's an even trade in my view.

**4) Wall Tent.** Proven design that can be customized by the manufacturer to meet just about any desires or specifications you might want. A big plus is that they are shaped in a way that we are used to in our homes, making arrangements somewhat more typical for what we are normally accustomed to. Another big plus with these designs is that if you had the foresight to put a window opposite the door, in the heat of summer both can be opened to invite a breeze under the shade of the tent, dramatically reducing the stifling heat that plagues most tents in the summer. The obvious drawback being the vertical walls and the slightly pitched roofs. The walls present nice, flat surfaces for heavy winds to really bite into, making those extra stormy nights.....extra interesting I guess. The only slightly pitched roof means that snow will accumulate above, driving the need to be very aware of snowfall, and the requirement to remove snow from the roof. I own a wall tent, and I love it for it's practicality. But it's not my primary dwelling, for reasons stated. It's my kitchen tent.

**5) Army Tent.** This can really be interchanged with the wall tent above. It really depends on your preference, while there is a couple significant differences. Army tents can be had for less money than wall tents, generally speaking. Army tents can also be had in much larger sizes than typical wall tents. However, army tents are much bulkier for storage and transport, and slightly more tricky to set up.

**6) Cabela's tents.** While I do appreciate the thought that the designers put into these tents, they are simply too modern to be able to stand up to prolonged extreme outdoor use, in my opinion. The materials are touted as lighter and better than canvas, but with a track record of hundreds of years, who can doubt canvas? We really haven't seen this Alaknak (and other Cabelas tent) material for long enough to really know how they will stand up. Coupled with the fact that the frames are a little more complicated (although again, neat designs) than the other structures, and really not that repairable in the field without modern supplies, these tents rank at the bottom of my personal list.

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