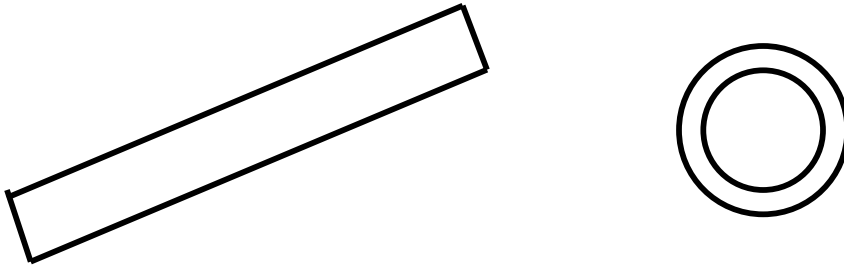
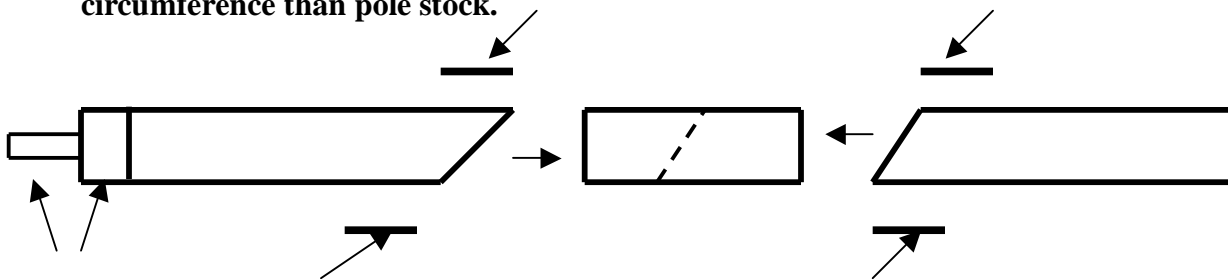


COLLAPSIBLE TENT POLES



Tent Pole coupler/ sleeve made from water pipe or a Fence Pole coupler – .6 inch up to 1. Ft, .6 inch in length – depending on size and length of tent pole. Water pipe or Fence Pole couplers should be available at most Home Improvement or Hardware stores. You will need to fit coupler to your desired pole stock. Coupler will be slightly bigger at outside circumference to pole stock and slightly smaller at inside circumference than pole stock.



Pole cap & pin. Cap can be made from 1 to 3 inches from pipe or coupler. Install cap on pole end before pin. Pin can be made from a large nail, screw or bolt. I've been able to use large bolts. After installing pin, I cut the head off, grind & file smooth. Make sure Pin will fit through the grommets on your canvas before installation on pole.

You may have to carefully plain, shave, sand or grind down the last few inches of poles to get the ends to fit snugly inside the coupler – poles should not be overly snug, you should be able insert & extract the poles from coupler with little effort. If desired, mount the coupler to one of the pole ends via a drill and a few screws – this will make the poles more stable and make for less parts and quicker set-up.

This method will work on U.S. Military surplus octagonal wood stock tent poles -- If you can find them. Or (if you can't find them) and can have some octagonal pole stock made for you; this method should work for you.

If you need to make up tent poles, and you can't find Octagonal pole stock, or surplus Military Tent poles... I recommend you stay away from square stock 2 x 2s and go with ROUND CLOSET STOCK - which is just slightly less than 2 inches around. (This is the round wood pole stock that is used to hang cloths upon in most home closets.) ROUND CLOSET STOCK should be available at most Home Improvement stores or lumber yards. I get mine from Home Depot, where it comes in lengths of 20 feet, it can be cut down (right in the store) to needed lengths.