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About Us

Woodland Yurts

Every Woodland yurt is made from the finest selected local English hardwoods*. Only the best timber will do. I select the standing or newly felled trees and am responsible for the whole building process, from tree to finished yurt.

Each cover is fitted to its frame. We do not work to pre-made patterns. We put the yurt up and fit the cover to it. This is the only way to guarantee a perfect fit.

Our yurts are based on traditional Central Asian designs. We have made slight modifications to make them better suited to our climate, materials and lifestyles. Our yurts have been tried and tested over many years. Many of our customers come back for a second or third yurt to compliment their original one. Many customers come to us through recommendations from happy woodland yurt owners.



Who we are

We are a small family business, employing just four people, all dedicated to producing the best yurts available. Every yurt is hand built by us. Each yurt can be built to suit your exact requirements.

Paul King

Has been making yurts for eighteen years and have built over 300. I have studied yurt making with master Yurt Builders in Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan. I have written three books and numerous articles on yurts and yurt making. We have featured in television programmes, magazine and newspaper articles from Buenos Aires to Ulan Bator.

Catherine King

Has been making yurt covers for over ten years.

Zach Watts

Has been our apprentice for the past couple of years. We have sent him to college to study woodworking and he is now a very proficient woodworker and valuable member of our team.

Guy Lelong

Has been working with us for about nine months. Responsible for steam bending, finishing and tying of wall and roof poles. Is learning to use the heavy duty sewing machines.

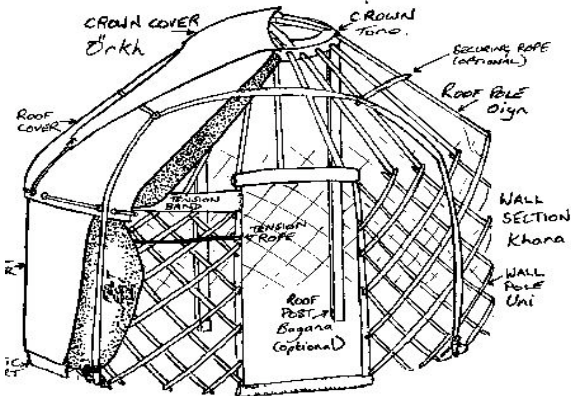
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The Yurt

There are two major types of yurt: the **Mongolian Ger**, with its heavy timber crown and straight roof poles, and the **bentwood yurt** used from Eastern Turkey to China, with its steam-bent roof poles and lighter crown.



Yurts have been home to millions of people throughout Central Asia for Millennia. This sturdy easily transportable structure is equally well suited for use in this country. The yurt can be insulated for winter use. The sides roll up to admit a cooling breeze on hot days. On clear nights one can lie in bed and watch the stars through the open crown. On wet nights there is plenty of room for friends to sit in comfort around a warm stove, tell stories and listen to the storm outside. The atmosphere inside is one of warm,

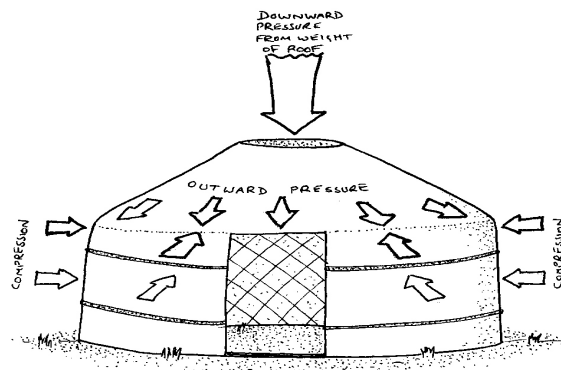
secure solidity, while from outside the yurt radiates a welcoming glow.

How the Yurt works

Opposing pressures give the yurt its inherent rigidity.

The weight of the roof tries to push the walls outwards, this force is contained by the tension band.

There are no flat surfaces to catch the wind, and no loose canvas or hollows to collect rainwater.





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Standard ger

These are our most popular yurts. Based on the mongolian ger with straight roof poles and a beautiful heavy oak crown. Designed to be easy to transport and quick to put up as well as being very sturdy. Ideal for luxury family camping, as a semi-permanent home or for holiday rental. The wall can be four or five feet high.



Traditional ger

Similar to the Mongolian ger, with straight roof poles and a heavy eight-spoked crown. Wall poles are spaced nine inches apart giving an extremely strong trellis with many closely spaced roof poles. The wall is five feet high. These are our most sturdy yurts, ideal as semi-permanent dwellings.



Kyrgyz yurt

I studied yurt making in Kyrgyzstan. The distinctive shape of the Kyrgyz yurt is achieved by steam-bending the roof poles to give the yurt a less angular and more dome-shaped profile. The crown, or Tunduk is large and light, made from steam-bent ash or oak. The Kyrgyz yurt has a fairly steep roof, giving the interior a very spacious feel.



Kazakh yurt

Similar to the Kyrgyz yurt, our Kazakh yurts are based on the homes of the Kazakh peoples of Western Mongolia. The roof is fairly low to retain heat and offer little resistance to high winds.





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Yurt Prices 2011

Diameter (feet)	Wall height (feet+inch)	Roof height (feet+inch)	Area (square feet)	Roof poles (number)	Complete yurt price (£) Excluding VAT	Price including VAT @20%
Coppice gers (not always available)						
9	3'6"	6'	64	21	1,100	1,320.00
11	4'	7'	95	25	1,900	2,280.00
13	4'	7'6"	133	30	2,300	2,760.00
15	4'	8'	177	35	2,900	3,480.00
15	5'	9'	177	35	3,200	3,840.00
Standard gers						
11	4'	7'	95	25	2,200	2,640.00
12	4'	7'6"	113	28	2,500	3,000.00
13	4'	7'6"	133	31	2,600	3,120.00
13	5'	8'6"	133	31	2,900	3,480.00
14	4'	8'	154	33	3,100	3,720.00
15	4'	8'6"	177	36	3,300	3,960.00
15	5'	9'	177	36	3,600	4,320.00
Traditional gers						
14	5'	8'6"	154	45	3,900	4,680.00
16	5'	9'	201	52	4,500	5,400.00
18	5'	9'	254	60	5,600	6,720.00
21	5'	10'	415	68	7,800	9,360.00
Kazakh yurts						
11	4'	7'	95	25	2,800	3,360.00
13	4'	8'	133	31	3,500	4,200.00
15	4'	8'9"	177	35	4,400	5,280.00
Kyrgyz yurts						
11	4'	8'	95	25	2,800	3,360.00
12	4'	9'	113	30	3,300	3,960.00
14	4'	9'9"	154	33	4,000	4,800.00
16	4'	10'	201	37	4,800	5,760.00
18	5'	10'	254	44	6,000	7,200.00
Coppice wood Kyrgyz yurts (not always available)						
11	4'	8'	95	25	2,200	2,640.00
12	4'	9'	113	30	2700	3,240.00
14	4'	9'9"	154	33	3500	4,200.00
14	5'	10'9"	154	33	3700	4,440.00



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Felt

Felt is the traditional covering material for the yurt. Felt has excellent insulation properties. On the down side felt makes the interior of the yurt quite dark.

We make natural wool felt inner covers, which fit between the outer cover and the frame. It keeps the yurt warm in winter, cool in summer and gives it a feeling of a solid building rather than a tent.

Our felt covers are made with pure wool felt made in Germany. It is light and fairly strong proving excellent insulation with very little tendency to shed hair. The felt is a natural light grey in colour and is reinforced all around with strong webbing tape.

Yurt Lining The addition of a white liner between the frame and the felt brightens the inside and keeps any stray hairs at bay. Made from washable, flame retardant polyester fabric.



	Pure wool felt Excl. VAT	Pure wool felt Inc. VAT @20%	White Liner Excl. VAT	White Liner Incl. VAT @ 20%
Ten foot felt cover	580.00	696.00	320.00	384.00
Eleven foot felt cover	640.00	768.00	360.00	432.00
Twelve foot felt cover	700.00	840.00	400.00	480.00
Thirteen foot felt cover	740.00	888.00	440.00	528.00
Fourteen foot felt cover	780.00	936.00	490.00	588.00
Fifteen foot felt cover	820.00	984.00	530.00	636.00
Sixteen foot felt cover	880.00	1,056.00	580.00	696.00
Eighteen foot felt cover	1,150.00	1,380.00	680.00	816.00
Twenty-one foot felt cover	1,600.00	1,920.00	840.00	1,008.00

Holes in felt and liner for windows etc. £24 each (inc. VAT)



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A Woodland Yurt is supplied complete and ready to use. However, you may like a few extra refinements for increased comfort and security.

Excluding VAT (including VAT)

Doors

Doors are hung on heavy duty stainless steel lift-of hinges. A lock is included in the price. All of our doors have a very sturdy ash frame. This frame can be fronted with pine or oak tongue and grooved boards. Alternatively it can be fitted with panels of wood, perspex or glass. We can fit an opening window or door in the top panel or it can be split to form a stable door. Pine fronted door **£220.00** (£264.00), Panel door **£260.00** (£312.00), Double glazed door **£320.00** (£384.00). Stable door **£280.00** (£336.00).



Extra Door frame

We can fit extra door frames if you need a additional entrance or if you want to join two yurts. Extra door frame and zipped door **£160.00** (£192.00).

Flexible Join

To join two yurts. Our flexible joining piece links two yurts (via extra door frames. The yurts can be joined or used independently. **£80.00** (£96.00)

Collapsible door frame

Our new door frames are made to be rigid enough to support solid hardwood doors. The door frame can be collapsible for easy transport or glued and pegged together for more permanent placement at no extra cost.

Felt inner covers

Felt is the traditional covering material for a yurt. Our felt inner covers are made from pure new wool felt. These inner covers keep the yurt warm in winter and cool in summer and give the yurt a feeling of a solid building rather than a tent. However, they do make the inside of the yurt quite dark.

Windows

Clear vinyl, or mesh with external canvas shutter blind with velcro closures and tie backs. Round, rectangular or square **£75.00** (£90.00) each. **£50** (£60.00) without blind.



Roof Windows

Many people ask for a clear window in the crown cover. We can fit this at no extra charge. Beware! They can be prone to problems with condensation and drips.



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Heavy duty groundsheet

An extremely tough plastic coated, groundsheet, rope and eyelets raise the side 9" up the walls..10' **£115** (138.00), 11' **£125** (£150.00), 12' **£135** (£162.00), 14' **£145** (£174.00), 16' **£155** (£186.00), 18' **£200** (240.00).



Lifting Prog kit

A hardwood prog, the shaped end fits onto the crown centre allowing it to be easily and safely lifted into place, adjusted and seated from the ground. **£45.00** (£54.00). Free with gers over 13 feet.

Bagana

A pair of traditional decorative upright posts to support the crown. Give the yurt an authentic Mongolian look, and provide extra stability in high winds or heavy snow. **£85** (£102), free with 18'+ gers.

Coloured Canvas

Colours available are White, Olive green and sand. No extra charge for coloured canvas



High temperature silicone flue collar

Provides a weatherproof seal around the flue pipe. Works up to 240 celcius. suitable for use with double skinned flues, waterproof cover supplied to fill gap when not in use. When we fit a flue collar we also fit a closeable weatherproof and insect proof adjustable air vent in the wall. **£75** (£90.00).

Aluminium flue collar

An aluminium collar to prevent the hot flue pipe from contacting the frame or cover, waterproof cover supplied to fill gap when not in use. When we fit a flue collar we also fit a closeable weatherproof and insect proof adjustable air vent in the wall. **£65** (£78).

NB. As with all tents it is dangerous to light fires inside, do so at your own risk. We recommend that you use a twin walled flue.



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This is what you get when you buy a Woodland Yurt

Mongolian style ger

Frame

Khana (wall trellis)

Collapsible trellis walls. The wall poles are of air dried ash. Our new wall poles are machined to a beautiful profile giving a much better looking, safer and stronger wall. Each pole is then steam-bent, seasoned for several months and then sanded and oiled. The wall comes in two or more interlocking sections.

Uni (Roof poles)

Mongolian style gers have straight roof poles. We have greatly improved the quality of our ash roof poles for 2010 each pole is made from very clean straight grained, well seasoned wood. The top of the pole has a long square taper to fit perfectly into the *tono*. The and the bottom of the shaft is round in profile. Just like the Mongolian original but using the superior hardwood available in this country. Each pole is carefully sanded. The bottoms are shaped and fitted with loops to attach to the Khana, and finished with high quality oils.

Tono (Crown or roof wheel)

Made from kiln-dried English (or FSC European) oak. Beautifully made heavy eight-spoked wheel. Hand finished square mortices. The *tono* is built in sections finger jointed together for the strongest possible wheel. All crowns are carefully sanded and finished in high quality oils

Nars (door Frame)

A very sturdy door frame, made from solid oak and ash. Oak is used for all parts exposed to the weather and the top and bottom, the back of the door posts are of ash for extra strength. This door frame is suitable for hanging a wooden door. The whole frame is sanded and oiled. The frame can be collapsible for ease of transport, or if you prefer it can be pegged and glued together for more permanent use.

Lifting prog (gers over 13 feet without bagana)

A well made forked ash/oak pole to allow you to put up the yurt whilst keeping your feet on the ground.

Bagana (Upright posts) Eighteen and twenty-one foot gers only

A pair of upright poles with oak tops to lift the crown and stabilize the ger in high winds or under heavy snow. Traditionally always used in Mongolia. Our gers can be used with, or without bagana

Bentwood yurt

Frame

Kerege (wall trellis)

Collapsible trellis walls. The wall poles are of air dried ash. Our new wall poles are machined to a beautiful profile giving a much better looking, safer and stronger wall. Each pole is then steam-bent, seasoned for several months and then sanded and oiled. The wall comes in two or more interlocking sections.

Uks (Roof poles)

Bentwood yurts have curved roof poles. Poles are planed, chamfered, steam-bent and then then seasoned for several months. A tennon is cut on the top end, the bottom end is shaped, then the whole pole is carefully sanded and oiled. A cord is fitted to attach them to the *kerege*.



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Tunduk (Crown or roof wheel)

The bentwood yurt crown is steam bent from the finest pieces of locally grown English ash. Made without the use of metal fastenings. Light strong and beautiful, with a choice of raised centres. The roof poles fit into square mortices. Sanded and finished in high quality oils

Door frame

A very sturdy door frame, made from solid oak and ash. Oak is used for all parts exposed to the weather and the top and bottom, the back of the door posts are of ash for extra strength. This door frame is suitable for hanging a wooden door. The whole frame is sanded and oiled. The frame can be collapsible for ease of transport, or if you prefer it can be pegged and glued together for more permanent use.

Cover (all yurts)

Roof cover

Our roof covers are made from the same 12oz. fire, water and rot proofed cotton/polyester canvas. Each cover is fitted to its own frame to give a perfect fit (with or without felt). To make covers fit this well involves a lot of extra work but we think it is well worth it. There is a generous overlap between the roof and wall cover to keep the yurt dry and draught free. There is a round hole over the crown which can be left open on fine days. There is a generous and tight fitting double valance to fit with the wall hanging system.

Wall cover

Made from 12oz. canvas with a tough PVC skirt at the bottom which is big enough to tuck under the yurt frame or overhang the sides of decking. The wall attaches to the door frame using our unique, neat, easy to use weatherproof and good looking system which allows for the inevitable shrinkage of the canvas over time, whilst leaving the wooden frame clear for the hanging of doors. On our smallest yurts (up to 14 feet) the wall is in one part. On larger yurts the wall is in two parts which lace together at the back, making the wall much easier to handle. Every yurt wall has an adjustable vent to allow fresh air into the yurt whilst keeping the weather out.

Crown cover

Our canvas crown cover is fitted to the shape of the crown. It overlaps the roof cover and is in the shape of a large four-pointed star. It is held in place by strong UV resistant polyester tapes. Keeps the yurt dry and is easily pulled back or removed on hot days. We do not recommend clear windows in this cover as they are prone to condensation and leakage, but we can fit one free-of-charge if required.

Zippered door

Our canvas doors are fitted with three heavy duty marine quality zips, the door can be opened on one side if you just want to slip in and out quickly. It can be opened both sides and rolled up. It can be opened either side and top or even unzipped completely. On summer days it can be left unzipped to hang down for privacy and you can just lift it to go in or out.

Tension band

A strong canvas band which wraps around the yurt frame, pushing each roof pole securely into place and protection the outer cover from chafing.

Groundsheet

The yurt is supplied complete with a very tough waterproof PVC coated woven polyester groundsheet. If you are using the yurt as a permanent home a heavy duty groundsheet which comes up the side of the yurt and offers even more protection is available (at cost).



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Ropes and pegs

All ropes and pegs to hold the yurt together and secure it in place. We have been making yurts for a long time and have learned the best type of rope/cord/tape for each use. There are clear directions as to where each rope goes. Pegs are hand made cleft English ash. An ash mallet is supplied to hammer in the pegs

Full instructions

Each yurt comes with full written instructions and a DVD to guide you through the process. Many customers have complimented us on the clarity of our instructions, but if you are in doubt about how to put up your yurt up you are very welcome to give me a call and I will talk you through the process.





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How to order

We usually keep a few yurts in stock: telephone to see what is available.

Yurts are usually made to order. It generally takes 8-20 weeks to complete special orders, but this time might be a bit longer during busy periods.

Telephone, e.mail, or come and visit to discuss your exact requirements. We require a 30% deposit on all special orders, the balance is payable on completion. **Cheques payable to Woodland Yurts.**

Delivery

Yurts can be collected or we can send them by carrier, we will deliver free to customers within 50miles of Clevedon. Or you can collect the yurt and we will show you how to put it up.

Packing and delivery charges to mainland UK (not Highlands and Islands) are:

	excl. VAT	Inc. VAT
8', 9' and 10' yurts	£90.	£108
12' and 14' yurts	£150.	£180
16' yurts	£190.	£228
18' yurts	£270.	£324

We can also ship yurts to Western Europe eg.

	Excl. VAT	Incl. VAT
12' yurt	£300	£360
16' yurt	£400	£480

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Environmental Impact

I started making and selling yurts in the early 1990s whilst studying for an Environmental Degree. Since that time we have gone to great lengths to make our yurts as environmentally friendly as possible.

The Yurt Frame

The wood for our yurt frames is harvested from local woodlands managed primarily for nature conservation. Oak for Mongolian style crowns is selected from woodlands in Southern England. The cutting of this wood is actually improving the wildlife value of the woodlands*. The oak for the door frames is from FSC approved sources in Europe (the French grow straighter oak than we do).

The cover

Regentex cotton/polyester canvas, treated in the UK is the best material for yurt covers currently available. There are environmental problems associated with cotton and we are constantly searching for a more sustainable fabric, hemp, for example, but it is not currently available. We keep the use of PVC to a minimum, but it is perfect for sod cloths and Heavy-duty groundsheets.

Energy

We try to keep our energy consumption to a minimum by using local timber and UK produced canvas. We do not heat our workshop. If it's cold we dress up and work harder.

Waste

We produce very little waste. Sawdust and wood chips are used by a local stable and then as compost for local allotments. Wood off cuts heat our home. We use canvas off cuts to make peg bags.

End Use

The yurt is one of the most environmentally friendly dwellings available. It sits lightly on the earth and can easily be moved regularly so that it doesn't even kill the grass underneath. At the end of its long life the yurt is almost completely biodegradable.

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Yurt Living

The yurt is perfectly suited to the nomadic lifestyle in the most extreme climates. Nomadism is practiced in areas that are either too dry or too cold to grow crops successfully. Farmers or people who are nomadic during the summer months could not justify the expense of a yurt. A permanent house is easier to build and a simple tent is all that is required for herding animals in summer pastures. Only where nomadic herding is a year-round occupation will a yurt offer sufficient portable protection from the extreme climate and the expense be justified.

Many people live in yurts in the UK and Europe. The yurt is warm, dry comfortable and secure. Living in the yurt one is aware of the weather, the changing seasons, the surrounding countryside and wildlife and ones place in the ecosystem in a way that no house dweller can ever be. However living in a yurt is not like living in a house. All of the luxuries of a house are available to the yurt dweller, but a little more thought and effort is required. It is interesting to discover how one can live off-grid making ones own heat, light, electricity and responsibly disposing of ones waste. In a very short time the countryside and the wildlife cease to be something separate to view as an outsider. One becomes a part of the landscape and a part of the surrounding ecosystem. The neighbours are the birds and mammals who soon grow familiar and less fearful of the new creatures living among them in their big white nest.

The yurt is not a permanent building. Some people do put up their yurt and leave it there for years on end. However this is missing the point. The beauty of a yurt is its portability. If a yurt is lived in and regularly heated during the winter it will last many years in one place. However if it is left empty in a damp wood the cover can be ruined in less than a year. If the yurt is for summer use, bring it in for the winter and it will give very many years of service.