

A project that I'd also like to talk a little about, not because of the technicality of it, but because of how different it is, is my instruction manual for English 314. This project was one that I really enjoyed and really conveyed the point of the class which was technical communication. The topic I chose to do this project on was a tent that I own, making a manual that walks through all the necessary steps to set it up as well as providing helpful tips and information throughout. This was a completely individual project so I got to control all the aspects of the design and format. Choosing the design and format was quite the challenge in and of itself. To have a successful instruction manual, many aspects went into it, all ones that we went over in class. Some of the big hitters were the design, the tone used in the writing, and the simplicity of understanding the document. This taught me a lot about how to properly phrase instructions and deter any misunderstanding that may come from the reader. Overall, I was extremely happy with the outcome of this project and had a great deal of fun in the meantime.

KELTY DISCOVERY TRAIL TENT

Instructions

Section 1: Site Preparation

This section takes the necessary steps to ensure a comfortable and friendly camping experience. Making the mistake of choosing or building a bad site can lead to a terrible night filled with bad sleep and back pain.

1.1 Identify an area to set up the tent. Ideal conditions are flat, dry ground that is free from any rocks or other sharp objects.



Figure 1. Tarp

1.2 Layout the tarp or footprint where the tent will go (Note: This is not required but highly recommended as the moisture from the ground can seep into the tent bottom and dampen the tent floor, see Figure 1)

1.3 Open and unpack the contents included within the stuff sack (see Figure 2)



Figure 2. Contents

This is one of the first pages of the document, showcasing the precise wording and use of images to create an easy to follow set of instructions