

THE THREE RINGS

Commandment #7: Shelter the Homeless

Connected to my article this morning, I wanted to share a basic naturalistic design for a shelter, because we can't wait around for the 'nobility' to uncover their inner nobility.

Go into the woods and build these wherever you think most suitable.

Then we'll collect GPS data points on where they are and make a publicly-available Google Map of the locations, and convey them to those most in need.

THE BASIC STRUCTURE THAT I RECOMMEND I CALL THE THREE RINGS.



THE THREE RINGS SHELTER BUILD LIST

- First, find large stones in the area where you want to build your structure
- Make an outer **1ST RING** with the largest stones - you choose the circumference, based upon how much work you're willing to do, how much help you have, and how well you think you can maintain structural stability
- Make a **2ND RING** just inside this outer ring, 6" to a foot inside it, depending upon how big of a structure you've decided upon
- Make the **3RD (FIRE) RING** in the center with the smaller of the stones
- Collect limbs from the area - you can saw fresh green limbs if you want the shelter to last longer, but that's a lot more work - there are more advanced considerations as well, like choosing wood specifically for its rot resistance, of which none is better than **THE REDWOOD**, but most evergreens will do
- Place half of the limbs in between the first two rings, in a vertical position, as a protective fencing from animals AND the wind - for fun, I end up mounting whatever I find in nature to the top of these pikes
- Place the second half of the limbs in teepee position, leaning into one another, meeting over the inner **FIRE RING**, making sure to leave enough of a gap for smoke to escape
- Cover the outside of this leaning set of teepee limbs with protective material - this can be **MANY MANY MANY** different things, from tarps to animal skins to more, smaller limbs with leaves/needles still attached, or some combination thereof, or thousands of things I haven't imaged yet
- Obviously leave space for the opening/threshold!!!
- **OPTIONAL FINAL GENEROSITY STEP:** leave a cache of staples, potentially buried with a flag or other marker atop if food is included, to keep the animals out



PS: THE HOBBIT HOLE

There's a variation of this structure whereby, rather than leaving space for fire to escape, you close it all off as tightly as possible with overlaps of limbs with needles still attached, then pack mud into and over it (assuming you've achieved structural soundness already!!!), then transplant small trees and plants into this outer living shell and/or seed it and let it **SPRING** to life on its own!!! You can even dig it into the side of a hill, and you're ready to LOR all over!!!