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Helen Twowheels Super Packing System Instructions

Start by collecting all the gear you want to take on your trip. It really is best if you collect all of it before you start packing. That way you make sure you have everything. Once it disappears into the bags you will not believe you've got it all. Collecting it also gives you an opportunity to eliminate stuff you really don't need to take. In the picture you will see a sleeping bag, sleeping pad, pillow and polar fleece pull-over. I'm not suggesting that this is all you're taking... of course, you'll need a tent, extra clothes, maybe cooking equipment, maybe a camp chair etc.

Once your gear is collected, separate them into two piles: SOFT (these will also be the things that are always dry- sleeping bag, thermarest, clothes, pillow etc.) **and HARD** (these will be the things that are sometimes packed wet- your tent, chair, cooking equipment etc.). This is basically a TWO bag system: one bag for the soft, dry compactable things and the other for the rest of the stuff.

Let's start with the soft pile: These things belong in a ROLL TOP SACK:



1. Get the air out of your thermarest, close the valve, leave it rolled up. put it in the bag first.



3. The ROLL TOP SACK is a compression bag, it is water-proof. Don't waste your time and energy folding and rolling the sleeping bag; don't put it in its own stuff bag. You always use these two items together; they are always dry. Save yourself precious riding time and aggravation. Just put them in.



2. Once the thermarest is in the bag unwind it. and let it unroll to the perimeter of the bag. In the hole in the center of the bag you are going to stuff the sleeping bag.



4. You will probably have room for more stuff like a pillow. It's also a good idea to put a warm layer, like a polar fleece pull-over, in last. It will be easily accessible without unstrapping the bag while you are riding if the temperature drops.



5. Now you are ready to compress the **ROLL TOP SACK**. Start by holding the edges of the opening together firmly.



6. Punch it down. As the air escapes between your hands the flexible walls of the bag collapse on themselves and form a valve. Repeat this process to reduce the volume.



7. Once it is compressed as much as it will, roll the edges down tightly against the gear in the bag. You must roll it at least three times to create a waterproof seal, but more times are okay. You want it to be tight! if it's not tight it can shift and settle under the straps... not a good thing.



8. After rolling, bring the clips around and ... snap! your bag is packed, sealed and ready to go!

Okay... now lets deal with the pile of "other" stuff. **The long, hard and potentially wet stuff belongs in a CORD CLOSE SACK.** These bags close with a drawstring and cord lock. Inside there is a rain fly so things don't get soaked, but more often than not this stuff is packed up wet or at the least "dampish". That's why it's a good idea to keep them away from the dry stuff. Spending all day together in one bag makes everything moist... yuck!



Slide the chair in, pull the cord, slide the cord lock and you're done. If you're not already, learn to **STUFF** your tent. It's better for the tent, and once again will save you time. Slide the poles in first, stuff the rain fly all the way to the bottom. follow it with the tent body itself, and finish with the ground cloth. If you always do it in this order, things come out of the bag as you use them... the ground cloth.. tent and poles and finally the fly. Simple, huh? and sensible too.



There are always things that don't fall into these general categories. Your clothing for example. If you are moteling it, you certainly don't need a tent and sleeping bag, but you may need more room than your saddlebags alone can provide, This is especially true when riding two-up. To this end, I designed the **CLOTHES SACK**. The ROLL TOP, although it is great for large bulky items, is not that good for all those little loose things we seem to need to take with us. In the roll top, if you want one thing, it always seems that you end up pulling everything out of the bag to find it... We end up with a mess in our tent or motel room. The CLOTHES SACK opens along the long side of the cylinder with a nice wide mouth so you can easily get to the one thing you want without dumping everything out. Just place the items into the bag... make sure to fill out to each end and...



1. Pinch the top together.



2. Roll down three times and...



3. Clip to each end... simple!



4. Because it's important to keep the bag tight, and on this style bag, since you can't adjust the length, you will want to snap the built-in compression straps and cinch them down.



5. The handles velcro together so you don't have to hunt for the "other" one.

Now you're almost ready for the road! You just have to fasten all the bags securely to the bike. Let's take a look at the **PACK STRAPS**.



There are four pieces to a set, two long ones and two short ones. One of the short ones has a velcro strap sewn on to hold them all together when they are off of the bike. Just wrap it around on itself when you are ready to use them.



1. Put the short strap anywhere around the frame of the bike. You can use the grab rails, a luggage rack (shown here), saddle bag mount, seat pan frame... any place that will be easy to reach and is attached firmly to the frame of your bike.



2. Put the D-ring end through the built-in loop at the opposite end. Pull it snug. The silky nylon webbing won't abrade your finish so don't worry if it is against the paint.



3. Attach the long strap the same way. Keep the attachments close together... rather than far apart... this will form a closed circle around your load and hold it more tightly.

4. Then you stack your bags. Don't worry if they are bobbling around, once the straps are cinched down they will be secure.



5. Feed the long strap through the webbing slots on each bag as you come to them.



6. Add your **WET BAG** by running the straps through the slots on the **UNDERSIDE** of this bag and continue with the tie-down sequence.



7. Thread the end of the strap through both D-rings, back over one and under the other.



8. cinch it down **TIGHT!** pull down on the strap and up on the tail... working first one strap, then the other... back and forth until snug.

This is how it should look when you are done.

Happy Riding!

