

Installing New Velcro for Windows

Tools Needed: "Pop" rivet tool, soft bristle brush, drill with 3/16" bit and caulk gun.

1. Make sure fabric is clean and dry, and then go over the old Velcro with a soft bristle brush to remove any loose debris.

Notice that your replacement Velcro is double-sided and has "loop" (soft and fuzzy) on one side and "hook" (stiff and bristly) on the other. The strips have been precut to the proper lengths and have holes installed for rivets. The ends of the strips should overlap so that the rivet holes on each end line up.

- 2. Using a caulk gun, apply two ¼" beads of silicone caulk onto the old window Velcro as shown on Diagram A. Adhere the new Velcro strips **over the top of the existing Velcro** making sure the appropriate side (hook or loop) is facing outward. Be sure to line up the rivet holes where the strips overlap. (Note: you may prefer to apply the silicone and install rivets on one strip at a time.)
- 3. Using a 3/16" bit, drill a hole completely through the side cover at each of the rivet holes in the new Velcro.
- 4. Insert the rivet mandrill through the hole and have a helper (on the inside of the yurt) hold a washer on the other end while you "pop" it using a rivet tool (see Diagram B). Rivet tools are available at your local hardware store or from Pacific Yurts.
- 5. Apply pressure to the new Velcro strips to be sure the silicone caulk spreads evenly. The caulk will be fully set after 24 hours, so do not pull the vinyl windows off until the caulk has set up.

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