

Assembling Your Anderson Shelter

This instruction manual aims to guide you through the construction of your Anderson Shelter. Designed by William Paterson and Oscar Carl Kerrison at the behest of the Home Office, this shelter is named after Sir John Anderson (Lord Privy Seal), who has the responsibility for preparing air-raid precautions during this challenging time.

Along with this instruction manual you will have received many panels of corrugated steel. You have been chosen as the recipient of a free Anderson shelter as you earn less than £5 per week. We are committed to keeping you and your family safe.

The following are parts provided for each standard shelter:

- Hinges,
- Wooden ground base,
- Four steel rivets,
- Six curved corrugated steel sheets,
- Four flat corrugated steel sheets (6 ft long),
- Two flat corrugated steel sheets (7 ft long),
- Two flat corrugated steel sheets (3 ft long).
- One door

You will need to undertake the following operations:

- (A) Choose a proper location,
- (B) Excavating a hole of the proper size,
- (C) Assembly of the metal portion of the shelter,
- (D) Covering the shelter with earth.

(A) Shelter Location

It is important that you choose the correct location for your shelter. You should, for convenience, place the shelter near the house, although not against it. The nearest portion of the hole should not be closer than 6 ft from the house, and preferably rather farther away. You may place your shelter singly or grouped with other households. Grouping offers obvious advantages, such as a greater amount of earth available to cover your shelter. If you do not have a garden area, you should assemble the shelter indoors.

(B) The Excavation

Before you assemble your shelter, you must excavate the area in which it will sit.

- First, measure a suitable space. Tests have shown that this hole should be 6 ft wide, 7 ft 6 in long and 4 ft deep,
- Next, dig your hole,
- Ensure that you do not discard the earth you dig up. This will be used later,
- Do **not** allow earth to pile around the edges of the hole, nor at the entrance of the shelter.

(C) Assembly of the Shelter

- First, ensure that the ground framework is placed in the bottom of the excavation,
- Next, you will need to affix your 3 ft long corrugated steel sheets to the entrance of the ground framework,
- Now, attach the four flat corrugated sheets (6 ft) to the sides of ground framework,
- Once they are in place, you must use a hinge to attach the door,
- After you have ensured that the door is fully operational, attach the flat corrugated steel sheets (7 ft) to the back of the ground framework,
- Finally, carefully place the six curved on top of the shelter to form a roof. You must check that there is no space between each piece of steel.

(D) Covering the Shelter

Use the earth you have excavated to cover the roof and sides of the shelter. Covering should proceed until a minimum of 15 inches of earth cover the shelter. The earth should slope away from the entrance to allow rainwater to drain. Use duckboards inside to cover the floor and furnish with whatever you deem necessary.

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