

Parachutes for Tower Jumping Teddy Bears

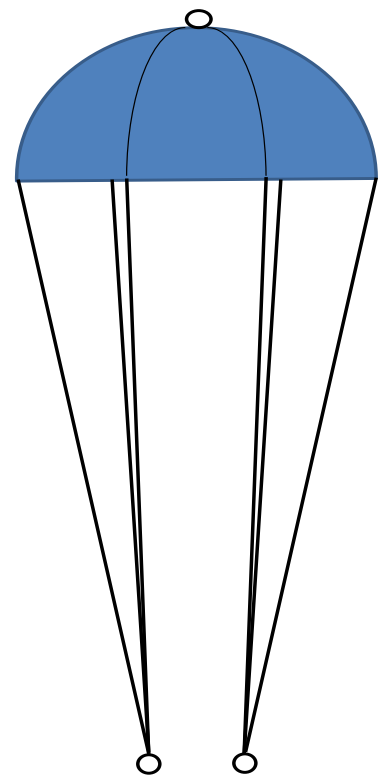
An ideal source of parachute canopy material is an umbrella. Ask around, and you should be able to get hold of one with broken spokes for nothing, but cheap umbrellas are available new.

Remove the cover, being careful not to cut the fabric. Folding umbrellas have a screw in cover which allows the central bit to be detached. Traditional designs may need a hacksaw for this bit. Leave the central hole in the fabric.



You now need strings, which will be a bit less than twice the diameter of the finished canopy long.

Take each seam, where the spokes were, and roll it up about 3 times for a small umbrella, 5 times for a large one, and tie the string firmly as shown. Add a bit of glue if you're worried it'll come loose.



Make a loop at the end of each group of strings, through which a belt round Teddy can be passed.

If you can add a loop at the top of the parachute, that is helpful for releasing it.