

Simple. Just make a folding frame

Several years ago, when Hilary and I built our first Viking tent, we wanted a portable design that would fit into a small trailer. We designed this 20-ft. tent with a collapsible frame. The photo below shows the tent at an event on the Gulf Coast of Alabama (Meridies), where it withstood gale force winds. I still see it at Pennsic every year.

The uprights maintain their rigidity using a simple system of chest latches and hinges. Just

bolt the hinge to the vertical or horizontal members, and attach two standard chest latches to the rear side. You will need to drill a hole in the latch to accept the bolt from the hinge. Use 3/4-in. wood screws for the other side of the latch.

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