

Ground Toilet

The basic form is a plywood ring covered by a plastic bag, as shown in the illustration. The bag may be removed and replaced as appropriate to the situation.

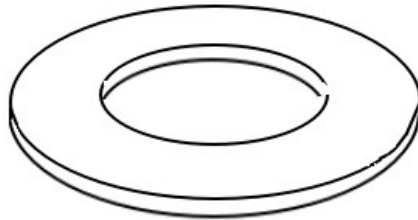
This simple system can be used in a number of ways. In any of them a handful (preferably a scoop) of either sawdust or finely crushed compost after each use would reduce odors, and define it as a composting toilet.

In a primitive camp situation it is placed on the ground over a hole, and the bottom of the bag is cut out so the product can descend into the hole beneath. If there was a place available do dispose of an occasional bag of excrement, the bottom could be left in for complete removal. When not in use, I would suggest that a trash can lid be placed over the hole to reduce visibility, insects and any lingering odors that might escape.

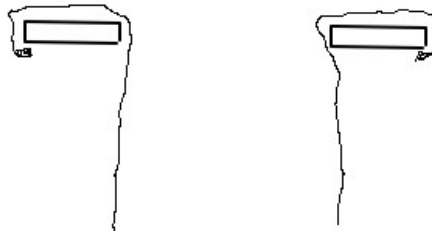
The normal posture for this would be a deep squat – historically more natural for the human body than our prissy modern society normally dictates. If you would still prefer to be sitting, I would highly recommend that you bring your own seat cover.

As a concession to those who must sit however, it can of course be mounted on a raised platform.

Ring cut from 3/4" plywood



Ring is covered by a draw-stringed plastic bag and placed over a hole in the earth



Bag may be cut open at the bottom to allow access to a deeper hole beneath or left in tact for complete removal