



SNOW LEOPARD

MEGA TREE
TOPPERS 

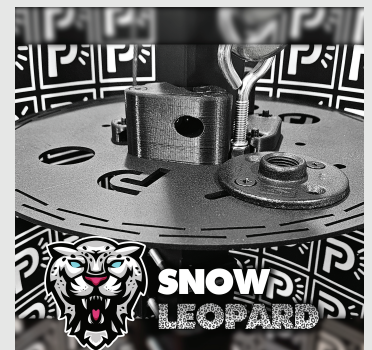
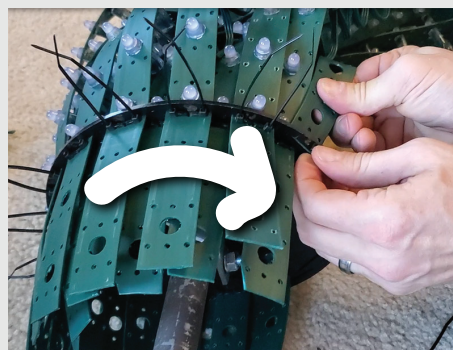
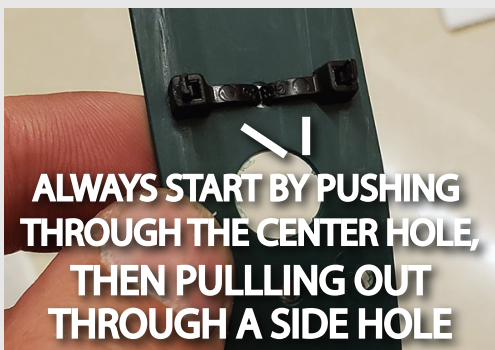
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You just bought a Snow Leopard™ Topper and saved a ton of moola on your new mega tree! Say goodbye to expensive and unsightly nuts and bolts and give your tree the look it deserves with its patent-pending Strip Slots™. Additionally, the bearing block assembly is designed to give a near-frictionless operation along your center pole.

1. Snow Leopard tree toppers are designed to be used with a 2" steel or aluminum square tube center pole, a ratcheting hand winch, and an Everest Pulley System. A 5'-8' diameter trampoline ring (check fb marketplace!) is commonly used as a base ring to attach your strips. The Snow Leopard comes with a 3/8" eye-bolt rated for 150 lbs. This is sufficient for most mega trees, however it is up to the user to determine the weight of their tree and determine if a more robust eye-bolt is needed. A simple 1/2" galvanized floor flange can be purchased separately as a mount for a star topper, along with a 24"-36" long 1/2" galvanized threaded pipe nipple to support your star.

2. To assemble your mega tree, first push all of your pixels into your mega tree mounting strips and **be sure to leave 6-8" of excess strip on the bottom of each strip** to allow adjustments for your bungee tension on individual strips. **IMPORTANT: You must leave at least 2"-3" of empty holes at the top of each strip** to allow for installation of your strips into your Snow Leopard. The Strip Slot design allows the tightest possible grouping of top pixels - your top row of pixels should all be almost touching the bottom of the plate. Excess strip above the topper can be cut after installation, or folded-in and zip tied into a cone for an aesthetic daytime appeal.

3. It is recommended to start on one slot then **alternate outer-inner rows in one direction**. This ensures more working room for pushing your zip ties. **NOTE:** If you are connecting your pixels into multiple strands on your mega tree, please MAKE SURE the correct male/female pigtail ends are alternated before inserting into your topper. ***Always insert your 4" zip tie through a center hole first and then back out through a side hole.*** During this process, you may find that temporarily removing the top pixel in each strip can help if you feel a bit cramped. **NOTE:** Some manufacturers of mega tree mounting strips do not include the smaller zip tie holes (Boscoyo). For those, you will just use a larger zip tie through a center hole (reinforced with a washer or rivet) to mount the mega tree strip to the topper. Below is a diagram of how to best push your zip ties through the zip tie holes.



4. Once strips are all pushed, trim your zip ties. A zip tie gun is handy for setting consistent tension on all cables while also simultaneously cutting the excess. Now, simply slide your center pole through your Snow Leopard until it rests on your winch. It is easier if you rest your pole assembly horizontally on chairs or sawhorses. **Now follow the next page for instructions on installing your Everest™ Pulley System.**

5. Storage - It is recommend to store your strips still connected to your Snow Leopard topper. This will make setup the following year a breeze!



-THE EVEREST-

Appropriately named for the top peak of your picturesque mountain tree, the Everest will be handling the tough work of supporting the weight of your topper and strips while also handling the force of guy wire stabilizing cables (sold separately).

1. Before installation of your Everest Pulley system, you will first need to secure your winch and install your Snow Leopard Topper to your center pole. Attaching your hand winch to your center pole can be accomplished by attaching 2" square ubolts and a spacer or washers to adjust proper fitment. Depending on the manufacturer of the winch, you may need to drill a couple holes into the winch's mounting plate, for proper bolt pattern.

Ensure your winch is securely attached to your center pole or serious injury could result.

2. Assembly is done with the pole lying horizontally, preferably elevated. This way you will not need ladders or lifts to complete your install. Begin by securely attaching the Everest to your center pole using the 1/4"-20 set screw with a 1/8" allen head wrench. NOTE: The Pulley Assembly has two locations for the set screw, however only one location is needed, and thus only one set screw is included.

3. If your Everest Pulley System's removable guy wire plate came pre-installed, you will need to remove this plate temporarily to allow your winch hook to pass through the pulley wheel. The 2 mounting bolts use a 5/32 allen head wrench and a 7/16" socket. Guide your winch clip through the slot on the Snow Leopard Topper and continue up the pole over your pulley wheel, then back down and attach the winch cable hook to the eyebolt on your Snow Leopard. Reattach your guy wire plate. **NOTE:** Be sure to use the correct (smaller) mounting holes.



4. Now ensure your winch ratchet is locked into the "raise" (retract) position, and crank any slack that may be in the cable, ensuring the cable placement still rests correctly in the pulley wheel.

5. Attach guy wires. It is strongly advised to use guy wires to support your center pole against strong winds or elusive Yeti's. There are 10 holes designed to easily clip 1/4" Heavy Duty carabiners or 1/4" Quick Links (preferred) to attach guy wire cabling. Geometrically, adding three wires in an equal triangular shape is most effective- **DO NOT** assume a single guy wire or just two will adequately support your tree, as winds can shift during weather events and stress can occur. **NOTE: Your star topper may not allow every guy wire hole location to be used**, depending on how large and how high your star is positioned. In those cases, consider using holes that would not interfere with your star.

6. Now set your pole vertically in a ground sleeve or portable base, making sure your star mount is facing the correct orientation to your viewers. Attach your strips and star topper if you have not yet already done so. Consider using cables or zipties and washers to secure your star from twisting on your star post. Crank your topper up and attach your strips to the base ring. Once you've adjusted your strips for equal tension, it's time to secure your guy wires to the ground with turnbuckles and ground anchors. Throughout the season, it is important to check the tension of your guy wires often. They only serve their purpose if they are correctly installed and have proper tension.

Your install is finished! Now crack a cold one and bask in the majestic beauty of your new mountain tree! Don't forget to snap a pic and tag us on Facebook or Instagram to spread the Snow Leopard™ and Everest™ sightings!



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