

# Vertex Photographic

## Overcast™ - Product Instruction Sheet

### **General**

The white parachute cloth helps diffuse and soften the light and also helps shelter the flower or subject you are shooting from the wind. Depending on how much wind there is and also which size Overcast you are using, will determine if you need to use the tent stakes to anchor the Overcast. There are loops along the bottom of the Overcast to secure it to the ground with the tent stakes. There are also loops on the top of the Overcast to stabilize it from moving back and forth. You can use the cord supplied with it and simply tie one end of the cord on one of the top loops and place a stake in the ground out to the side and attach the cord to it.

### **Removable Rear Panel**

If you are shooting an extreme close up, for example, of the inside of a flower and the background is not in the shot you may want to leave the rear panel in place. On the other hand, if you are down low and shooting through a group of flowers you may not want the white background to show. It is easily removed because of the Velcro closure. You also have the option of making or attaching your own background to the back. You can purchase muslin from almost any fabric store and paint your own background. I use water-based paint and usually use at least two different colors. If you need more detailed information please contact me.

### **Folding the Overcast**

This may be a little confusing at first but with a little practice it is not difficult. First of all, make sure the inside of the Overcast is free of bugs and any dirt. It is not necessary to remove any cords you have tied on to the top loops since you will probably use them in the future. The first step is to fold in any side to the inside. This makes it into one flat surface. Now grasp two opposite sides at the rounded corners and twist and fold the Overcast on top of itself. This makes one flat surface but with a smaller diameter. Then place it in the bag. Before you leave your shooting location, COUNT the number of stakes and cords to make sure you have all of them.

### **Care & cleaning**

Try not to leave the Overcast in the sun unnecessarily, the UV Rays deteriorate nylon. Try not to get it wet, the metal wands inside are painted but rust is always a possibility. If you need to clean it use a mild soap and hand wash just the dirty area with a soft cloth. Wipe the soap off with a clean moist cloth and let it air dry not in the sun.

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