

12x12' Heavy Duty Background Support System

Congratulations on your purchase of the **ProMaster Heavy Duty Background Support Kit!**

This kit contains two air cushioned heavy-duty stands, a 4-section crossbar, and a fabric case for convenient transport and storage. It can achieve a height of 12' and accommodates backgrounds up to 12' wide. With proper use, the kit will give you many years of service. Please read this instruction guide thoroughly before using it and be sure to follow all precautions for safe operation.

PARTS DIAGRAM

1. Collar Locking Knob
2. Collar
3. Stabilizing Braces
4. Riser Locking Knobs
5. 5/8" Stud
6. Crossbar Button
7. Crossbar Mounting Openings
8. Crossbar Knob



Setting up the Stands

The two heavy-duty stands included with the Background Kit are identical in appearance and operation. To set up a stand, first loosen its Collar Locking Knob (1). Then, pull outward on each leg slightly — this releases them from their upright storage position. To finish setting up the stand's base, push the Collar (2) down the stand's center pole. As it slides down, the three legs will spread out. When the Stabilizing Braces (3) are parallel with the ground, tighten the Collar Locking Knob (1). Repeat with the other stand before preparing the crossbar.

Note: The widest, most stable position is achieved with the Stabilizing Braces (3) parallel to the floor. Setting up the stand with the central pole closer to the ground will result in a slightly narrower stance — this can be useful in small spaces. Never raise the collar to the point where the Stabilizing Braces (3) angle upward, as this greatly reduces the stability of the stand.

Preparing the Crossbar

The crossbar included with this kit comes in four sections which can be configured in three ways to best fit your backdrop:

- 2 sections accommodate backdrops up to 5' wide
- 3 sections accommodate backdrops up to 9' wide
- 4 sections accommodate backdrops up to 12' wide



Figure 1 - Kit set up with 2 crossbar sections

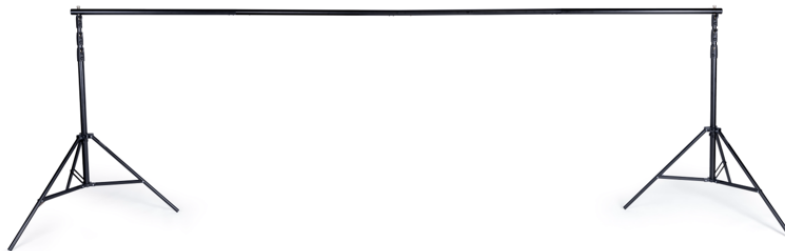


Figure 2 - Kit set up with 4 crossbar sections

The two outer poles have Crossbar Mounting Openings (7) on each end; locate these first. In whichever configuration you choose, these openings belong on each end of the crossbar and connect to the kit's stands.

Note that three poles have exposed notches and a Crossbar Button (6) on one end; three of the sections also have a small hole on the other end to receive the button. To connect two sections of the crossbar together, align the exposed notches with the inner notches of the receiving end and depress the Crossbar Button (6) while sliding the sections together. They'll snap in place and you'll see the Crossbar Button (6) pop up through the hole on the receiving end. To ensure that each Crossbar Button (6) is securely in place, pull on each crossbar section to make sure that they don't come apart. (For disassembly, press the Crossbar Button (6) while pulling the crossbar sections apart.)

Mounting the Crossbar and Installing Your Background

1. Position the stands so they match the length of the crossbar, and set them at their lowest height.
2. Remove the Crossbar Knobs (8) from the top of each 5/8" Stud (5).
3. Pick up one end of the crossbar and place the Crossbar Mounting Opening (7) over a stand's 5/8" Stud (5). The 5/8" Stud (5) is topped with a 1/4"-20 threaded post which will protrude through a small opening on top of the crossbar. With the crossbar in position, secure it in place by tightening a Crossbar Knob (8) to the 1/4"-20 post on top of the 5/8" Stud (5).
4. Install your background to the crossbar while one end it is not yet connected to a stand.
5. With your background in place on the crossbar, repeat step 3 using the remaining stand.

Note: While it is possible for one person to mount a lightweight cloth backdrop or seamless paper roll, it's easier with a partner. Do not attempt to install a large, heavy background on your own.

Raising and Lowering the Stands

If you are working alone, raise the crossbar's height gradually—make a small adjustment to one stand and repeat with the other stand, continuing in this manner until your desired height is achieved. If you are working with a partner, synchronize your movements as you simultaneously extend each stand's riser sections together.

1. Each stand has three riser sections. To raise the height of a stand, start with the top riser section. (If you begin with the bottom section, you will not be able to reach the upper sections for adjustment once the bottom section is raised.) Loosen the top Riser Locking Knob (4) by turning it to the left, raise the riser section to your desired height, and then tighten the Riser Locking Knob (4) by turning it to the right. Repeat this procedure with the middle and bottom riser sections. When using indoors, be careful not to hit the ceiling!

Tip: The stands extend to slightly over 9' using just the bottom two risers. If you do not need to reach a height above 9', leave the top riser section in its collapsed position and raise the middle and bottom risers.

2. Once your stands and crossbar are raised to the desired height, we recommend using weight bags to help secure each stand.
3. To lower the crossbar, adjust the stands' risers in the opposite order from how they were raised. Start with the bottom riser and finish by lowering the top riser. These heavy-duty stands are air cushioned. This means that a riser section will slowly and softly lower when its Riser Locking Knob (4) is loosened. While the air cushioning system helps prevent accidents when a riser is unintentionally loosened, it is best practice to grasp each riser section before loosening its corresponding knob in order to guide the speed of its descent.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Only use the stands on solid, level surfaces. Setting them up on soft or uneven ground is unsafe and could result in injury as well as damage to your equipment.
2. When using the stands, double-check to make sure that all knobs are securely tightened.
3. Ensure that the stand's base is properly set up with its Collar Locking Knob (1) securely tightened before adjusting any of the riser sections.
4. Ensure that each crossbar section is securely connected before mounting the crossbar to the stands or installing a background.
5. Ensure that the crossbar is properly mounted with the Crossbar Knobs (8) fully tightened to each 5/8" Stud (5) before adjusting any of the riser sections.
6. Maintain a secure grasp on each riser section before loosening it.
7. Installing heavy backgrounds is a two-person job; do not attempt alone.
8. When raising or lowering the stands with the crossbar installed, take care to make sure that they are raised or lowered at the same rate, keeping the crossbar parallel to the ground. A crooked, unbalanced background can cause a stand to tip and fall.

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