

SHARPER IMAGE®

PORTABLE BADMINTON SET

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Owner's Guide



Thank you for purchasing the Sharper Image Portable Badminton Set. The new, portable badminton game inspires people everywhere to GO OUT AND PLAY! Whether you're interested in building badminton skills or playing just for fun, it brings the court to you. Please read this guide carefully and keep for future reference.

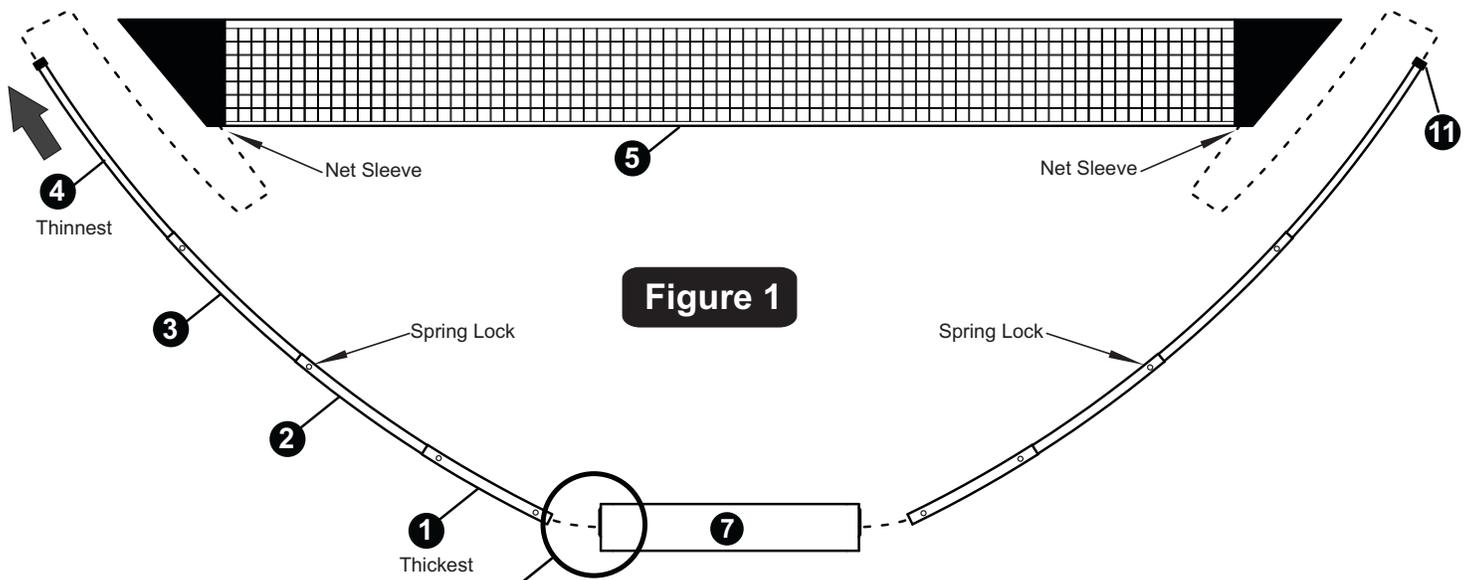
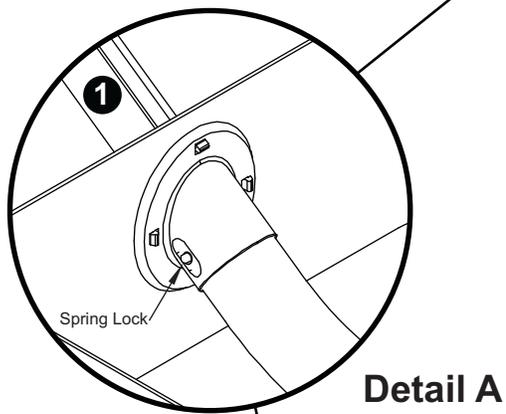


Figure 1

SET-UP:

1. Take the telescoping poles out of the case. Insert the thickest part of the telescoping pole [#1] into the holes on the ends of the case [#7] until you hear the spring pin lock in place. See Figure 2 and Detail A.
2. Once the telescoping poles are secured in the case, carefully pull from the top pole [#4] until all the poles are extended and the spring pins automatically lock in place. See Figure 1. NOTE: If rubber caps [#11] are not already installed on the poles [#4] slide them on the end of the tube as shown in Figure 1.
3. Insert the thinnest part of the telescoping pole [#4] into the sleeve on one end of the net [#5] and then carefully insert it on the other end. See Figure 1. NOTE: To prevent the game from tipping over during windy conditions or when playing on grass put something inside the Storage Tray [#8].



Detail A

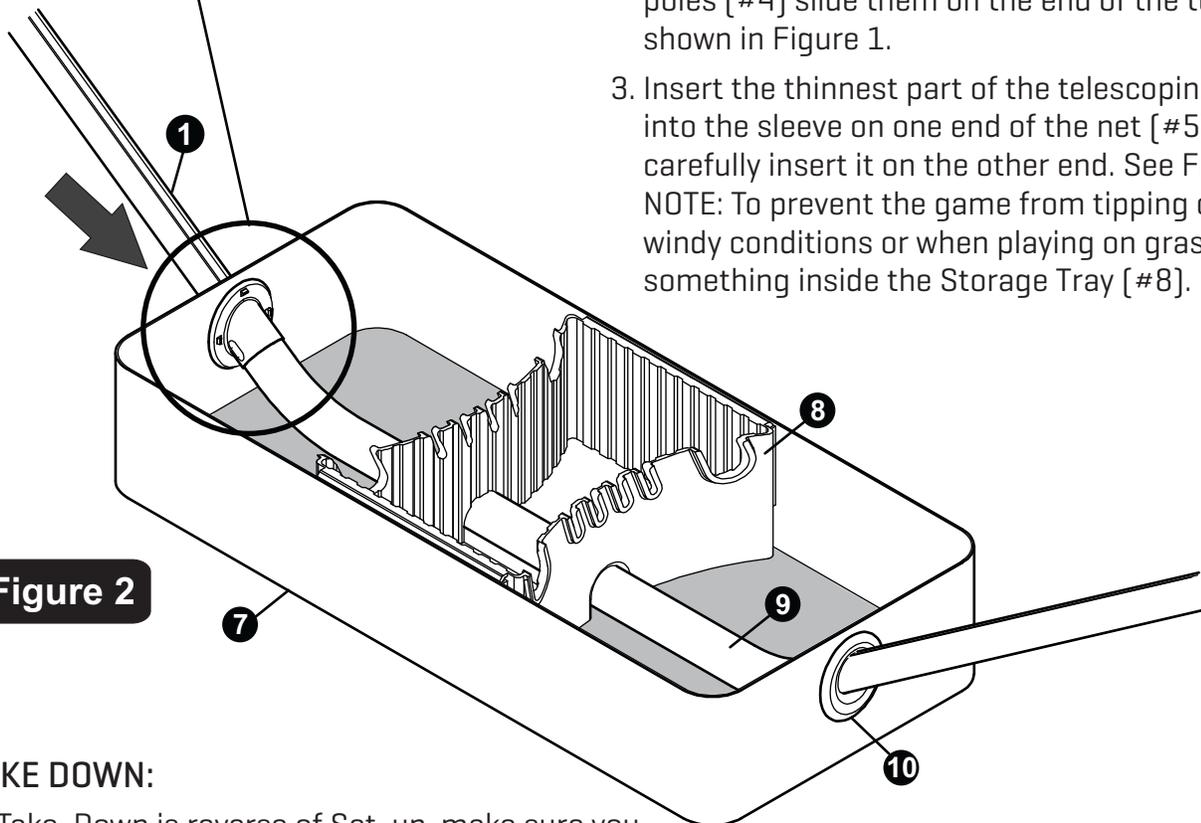


Figure 2

TAKE DOWN:

1. Take-Down is reverse of Set-up, make sure you store all parts back in the Storage Case.

WHERE TO PLAY

Badminton can be played on nearly any flat surface! Try it outdoors or indoors – as long as there is enough space and a flat surface such as concrete, bare ground or grass. If desired, the court can be marked with cones, paint or chalk lines, or natural boundaries such as the edge of a driveway or a tree.

THE RULES OF BADMINTON

The aim of badminton is to hit the shuttlecock with your racquet so that it passes over the net and lands inside your opponent's half of the court. Whenever you do this, you have won a rally; win enough rallies, and you win the match. Your opponent has the same goal. He will try to reach the shuttle and send it back into your half of the court. You can also win rallies from your opponent's mistakes: if he hits the shuttle into or under the net, or out of court, then you win the rally. If you think your opponent's shot is going to land out, then you should let it fall to the floor. If you hit the shuttle instead, then the rally continues. Once the shuttle touches the ground, the rally is over. You must hit the shuttle once only before it goes over the net [even in doubles].

SINGLES OR DOUBLES

You can have either two or four players on a badminton court: one player on each side, or a team of two players on each side. One-against-one is called singles; two-against-two is called doubles.

In doubles, either player can hit the shuttle; you do not have to take it in turns. The only exceptions are the first two shots of the rally.

SERVING

In badminton, the serve must be hit in an upwards direction, with an underarm hitting action. You are not allowed to play a "tennis style" serve. The team or person winning the coin toss have the option of serving first, receiving the serve or choosing the court end. The team that serves first has only one service to start the game. When the game begins each team has two serves.

STORAGE AND CARE

The Portable Badminton Set is built to last! Durable construction and a convenient storage case make it easy to keep your game looking and playing great. After use, simply disassemble the net and telescoping poles and place all components back in the case. For best results, store the case indoors – away from extreme temperatures and moisture.

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