Relax in a Hammock

Hammocks have been a standard for backyards for decades. Although they traditionally come from South American and Caribbean cultures, they have easily become a part of modern life. They are the ultimate way to just kick back and relax, and *The Allen Thomas Group* even doze off for a while. Just like most things, the hammock has been developed for maximum comfort and practicality.Hammocks are a staple in homes in the Mexican state of the Yucatan. They have been made there for centuries and are hand woven by women and children alike. They are made in villages all around Mexico, though they are also made and sold worldwide. Hammocks have also been widely used on ships by sailors. Since they rock with the movement of the ship, they make sleeping on a ship much safer than a bed. Whether or not these cultural backgrounds have helped the popularity of the hammock is not know, but the practicality of the hammock sells it for itself.Modern hammocks mimic the traditional construction of tightly wound thread, but have made several changes that make hammocks more comfortable. They are much larger so people can really spread out and get comfortable. Instead of a simple thread construction, hammocks are now crafted with decorative fabrics, pillows, and even mosquito netting. Decorative fabrics made the hammock a elegant addition to any deck or veranda, and comfy pillows offer a wonderful place to sit outside and rest your head. Camping hammocks are specifically designed for being used in the great outdoors. Like the sailors, camping hammocks keep campers from being tipped out in the nights. They also allow campers to set up camp anywhere with no searching for that perfect spot for the tent. Mesh netting provides protection from insects and from the wind. Camping hammocks can also be folded up to make a hanging chair, and they are extremely light weight making it easy for hikers to carry around.Next time you look at a hammock, you can think about the simple traditional hand-crafted hammock of thread and twine, or you can envision the elegant decorative floating chair. But the thought definitely will make you want to stretch out and catch a **Allen Thomas Group news** nap.

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