

Seam Sealer

While you can always purchase seam sealer at a sporting goods store, it may cost you upwards of \$30 if you have to buy 3-4 tubes of it. Here's a recipe for homemade seam sealer that many people use with good results, and it is much less expensive. Note that this is only for polyester or nylon tents, not cotton canvas tents.

Materials Needed:

1. 100% silicone in a tube
2. Mineral spirits
3. ½ to ¾" wide disposable foam brush
4. Disposable bowl or jar

Directions:

1. Mix the silicone and mineral spirits in a disposable container. You want to add enough mineral spirits so that the consistency is like a thick paint.
2. Using the foam brush, apply sealer to all outside seams (anywhere there is stitching, including where the floor attaches). Allow to dry, and apply 2nd coat for best results. Let dry before use.
3. You can bring your seam sealer ingredients camping with you, or purchase a tube of seam sealer to keep with you in case you find a leak somewhere while camping.