ROTATING HOOKAH PREPARATION:

1.a.) Start the assembly process from the bottom up. New rotating hookahs purchased from Hookah-Shisha.com will arrive with the rotating stand (1), base (2), base grommet (3), and rotator hub (4) already pre-assembled. If your rotating hookah needs to be adjusted to fix an air leak, proceed to step 1b. Otherwise skip to step 2.

b.) The following is a two person job - firmly grasp the “heart” of the hub with both hands (do not put pressure on the hose connectors) while a second person firmly grasps the glass base (2). Twist in a clockwise direction until the hose connector hub is on as tight as possible. If necessary, unscrew the rotator hub (counter-clockwise); adjust the base grommet (3) accordingly, then screw the rotator hub back on the glass base so that an airtight seal is achieved.

2. Fill the glass base (2) with enough water (through the threaded hole in the center of the rotator hub (4)) so that the downstem of the shaft (8) is submerged in the water about ½ inches to 1 inch. It may be helpful to hold the shaft adjacent to the base (at the same height it would be sitting in the base) when adding water to get an accurate measurement.

3. Screw the shaft and downstem (8) in to the center threaded hole in the rotator hub (4).

4. Insert a hose grommet (13) into the hose adapter (7). The hose grommet can be identified as the longer, skinnier grommet included with your hookah. Repeat this step as many times as necessary for multi-hose hookahs.

5. Place the hose (14) into the hose adapter. It may be helpful to insert the hose with a twisting motion to “lock” the hose in place and ensure that the hose will stay in place inside the adapter. Repeat this step as many times as necessary for multi-hose hookahs.

6. The mouth tip (15) is inserted into the end of the hose (14). Mouth tips are not required to smoke your hookah but are used for sanitary purposes when smoking with multiple people (each person should use their own mouth tip).

7. Place the tray (9) on top of the shaft (8). The tray should firmly “snap” in place. It may take a bit of force to “lock” the tray in place and make the tray stable, this is normal.

8. Place the bowl grommet (10) over the bowl stem at the top of the shaft. You are now ready to prepare your hookah bowl!

BOWL PREPARATION:

1. Using your fingertips, break the shisha tobacco up into small, loose clumps.

2. Sprinkle the tobacco loosely into the bowl (11) until it reaches just below the lip of the bowl. It is important not to pack the tobacco in the bowl too tightly as that will restrict the airflow (there must be room for the hot air from the coals to circulate through the tobacco).

3. a.) If using a metal screen, place it on top of the bowl (indented side down) and fold the tabs over to secure it to the bowl.

b.) If using foil (12), tightly wrap the foil square over the bowl so there is a smooth, airtight seal. Using a toothpick, thumbtack, pin or any other small poking instrument, poke 30-40 holes all over the surface of the bowl.

4. Once the bowl is ready, firmly place it over the bowl stem at the top of the shaft. You are now ready to prepare your hookah bowl!

COAL PLACEMENT:

1. a.) If using quicklight coals: Make sure you are either outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Using the tongs (16), hold 1 or 2 quicklight coals and ignite them with a standard lighter or torch lighter. The coals will be fully ignited when the sparks have completely encircled the surface of the coal. Wait until the coals have turned ashy white before placing them on your bowl.

   b.) If using natural coals: Place a small handfull of natural coals on an electric stovetop, charcoal heater, or other heating element. Once the coals have turned ashy white (about 5-10 minutes), place the desired number of coals on top of your bowl. 2-3 natural coals is typically sufficient.

2. Rotate the coals every 5-10 minutes around the edge of the bowl to avoid burning the tobacco and keep the smoke fresh.

3. IMPORTANT: Always use tongs when handling hot coals. Be attentive when smoking your hookah to avoid spills, charcoal burns, and fire hazards.

If you need further assistance or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us, we are here to help!