

Campfire Starters

Light a campfire in no time using materials you already have at home. From dryer lint to cotton balls, it is easy to make your own fire starters.

Matchstick Candles

Materials

- Matchsticks
- Toilet paper
- Petroleum jelly
- Striker from matchstick box
- Small empty tin (mints, lozenges or gum)

Instructions: Tear off one section of toilet paper and fold in half. Roll matchstick in toilet paper. Coat toilet paper in petroleum jelly. Store in tin with extra matches and the striker from matchbox.

Notes: Caught on the fastest and largest flame. Burned out at 1 min 50 sec.



Egg Carton Cups

Materials:

- Empty egg carton
- Sawdust
- Candle in a glass jar or crayons in a tin can
- Empty tin can and sauce pan

Instructions: Fill empty egg carton cups with sawdust. Burn a candle until wax is melted. Or put candle pieces or crayon pieces in an empty tin can. Place tin can with wax in a pot of boiling water and melt contents. Pour melted wax over sawdust until covered. Cover with top of carton or tear off each cup and store in plastic bags or an empty coffee can.

Notes: Burned with a good flame for just over 10 minutes.



Toilet Paper Roll

Materials:

- Empty toilet paper roll (A paper towel or wrapping paper roll works, too.)
- Wax paper or newspaper
- Dryer lint

Instructions: Fill the inside of a toilet paper roll with dryer lint. Tear off a section of wax paper and wrap around roll at least twice and twist ends closed. Newspaper may be used to replace wax paper

Notes: *Twisted ends burned quickly, but smoldered after that. Re-lit from bottom, again wax paper burned, then smoldered.*



Fiery snacks

Materials:

- Variety of chips such as Cheetos, Doritos or Bugles

Instructions: Great option for a quick fire starter if you can get them away from the kids!! Light the actual chips. Chemicals, powder and oil on the chips ignite the fire.

Notes: *It is not safe to burn the chip bag. Materials may fly in the air. Dispose the bag in the trash!*



Cotton Ball Vaseline

Materials:

- Cotton balls
- Vaseline (petroleum jelly)
- Empty medicine bottle or film canister

Instructions: Rub at least a tablespoon of Vaseline onto the cotton ball. Using your fingers, slightly pull the cotton ball part while rubbing the Vaseline all around the center and outside. Store the cotton ball in an empty medicine bottle or small bag Ziploc bag until ready to ignite.

Notes: *Only burn the cotton ball and not the container.*

