

Egg Carton Fire Starters

Step 1: Supplies

The items you will need for making great fire starters are:

1. Cardboard egg carton
2. ½ Lb. Wax, either paraffin wax from the grocery store or any old wax candles
3. An old 3 Qt. pan that you will only be used for this purpose from now on.
4. A quart size empty can
5. Sawdust or Hamster Shavings
6. Large sheet of aluminum foil under the egg carton
7. Source of Heat (Stove top or hot plate)

Step 2: Preparation

- Fill the pan with about 3 inches of water.
- Place wax into the can and place the can into the pan of water.
- Set heat to low. (The water should be at a slight simmer.)
- After you have the wax melting you should start to fill your egg carton.
- Fill the bottom half of the egg carton with the sawdust or wood chips.

Step 3: Making the Fire Starter

- Place your full egg carton on top of the aluminum foil.
- After the wax is completely melted, and the tray is full begin to pour the wax SLOWLY into the egg carton. Be very careful the wax is hot. The aluminum foil under the egg tray will protect your counter if the wax leaks through the carton. Let the carton cool and set.

Step 4: Build a Fire or Start a Charcoal Chimney

These are great for hiking trips or use them at your home or any camping trip. They work very well. Cut off one or two egg cups and place under your tinder or under your charcoal chimney. If you are lighting a chimney put a piece of paper towel or newspaper around the egg cup. Use one match to light any exposed egg carton or paper towel edge.

For backpacking, wrap the two egg cups in tin foil to prevent wax from getting into your camping gear.

