

Fire Starters

Egg Carton Starters

Materials:

Cardboard egg carton
Combustible filling – dryer lint, sawdust, shredded top of the egg carton...
Wax – old candles, crayons, paraffin...
Double boiler – two cans will do
Stirring stick
Potholder / pliers / backpacking pot lifter...

1. Tear or cut the top off the egg carton
2. Fill each egg cup with your combustible material of choice
3. Pour the melted wax over all
4. Let cool and harden. Cut the cups apart.

Notes:

- * Put something down to protect your table top - newspaper, old vinyl tablecloth
- * Make a double boiler out of cans. A soup can (regular 10 ¾ oz size) inside a shorter, squat 16oz bean can works well. Have something to pick up the soup can without burning your fingers - potholder, pliers, backpacking pot lifter...
- * Be extra careful melting the wax. It is extremely flammable!
- * Watch the cans – the double boiler shouldn't run dry and be careful so it doesn't boil over.

Wax Paper Starters

Materials:

Wax paper squares
Combustible filling

1. Cut wax paper into squares
2. Put filling in the middle of a square and roll shut, twisting the ends, like a taffy wrapper.

Trench Candles

Materials:

Newspaper
String
Wax
Something to cut the newspaper – utility knife

1. Roll a few pages of newspaper into a tight roll.
2. Tie the roll with string about every 2 – 3 inches leaving a long tail for each tie.
3. Cut the roll between the ties.
4. Dip each little roll in melted wax and hang to dry.