



Fire Starters

You've followed the procedure, you've built the fire properly, but why won't it stay lit? Here's a fool proof fire starter that you can make at home.

You will need:

- The bottom of any egg carton (the part the eggs sit in, tear off the top)
- 4oz (one stick) of Paraffin Wax (also called Household Wax – you find it in the baking section of the grocery store, with the canning products)
- Shredded paper (use scraps from your recycle bin, or old newspapers)
- A thick section of newspaper (at least 20 pages thick and folded in half at the crease)
- Large sauce pan
- Small foil bowl or tub
- Pair of pliers



Preparation:

1. Place your foil bowl in your sauce pan and fill the sauce pan with water to just below the lip of the foil.
2. Remove the foil bowl and boil the water.
3. Lay out the section of newspaper.
Safety Tip: Make sure the paper is thick. This will prevent hot wax from getting onto your work surface.
4. Place your egg carton on top. Fill the egg carton with tightly packed paper scraps or shreds.

Melting the wax:

1. Once the water has boiled, turn down the heat to a slow simmer.
2. Place your wax stick in the foil container.
3. Using your pliers, pick up the foil container and carefully place it in the pan of simmering water. Be careful not to let any water spill into the foil container.
4. Keep the container of wax in the simmering water until all the wax has melted.

Safety Tip: Wax is highly flammable. Once the wax has completely melted, immediately take it off the heat.

The final step:

1. Holding the foil container with your pliers, carefully pour the melted wax over the paper scraps in the egg carton.
2. Fill each egg hole to the top.
3. Allow to set hard.

How to store:

1. Once the wax has set hard break each egg carton section off, so that you have twelve fire starters.
2. Store your fire starters in a zip lock baggie or a waterproof plastic tub.

How light your fire:

1. One fire starter is all you will need to make a great fire.
2. Place your fire starter down first when building your fire. You will find that some of the scrap paper is sticking out of the solidified wax.
3. Once you have built your fire around and above the fire starter, light the fire starter by lighting some of the paper which is sticking out of the wax. You will have a roaring fire in no time!

Safety Tip: Wax is highly flammable. Use caution when lighting your fire starter, as it will light very quickly. It is best to use a “Clicker” style lighter.

