

ILLUSTRATED STEPS / SAVE IT. FIND IT. BUILD IT.

DRY MATCH KIT

Keep a useful flame ready when the weather turns.



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GET READY

Tools + clickable build map

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FOLLOW THE STEPS

One clearly numbered stage at a time

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Quick reference + PDF bookmarks

Build a dry-storage kit from commercial matches, protect the striker, and check it before a trip. The video's homemade torch and fuel-bottle lighter are not instructions in this guide.

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YOUR BUILD MAP

Tap a step to jump there. The printed page numbers work offline too.

HAVE THESE READY

- Adult helper
- Commercial matches with original striker
- Rigid water-resistant match case
- Secondary dry bag
- Paper, pencil and trip checklist

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BEFORE YOU START

Pack commercial matches; this guide does not make match heads or a fuel-bottle lighter. Adults handle ignition. Follow local fire restrictions.

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Save the PDF with its guide ID. Use the build map, bookmarks, or your PDF reader's search to find a step later. Video and source links need internet; the instructions do not.

SETUP

What this kit can do

READ BEFORE STEP 01

PREP

Water-resistant storage is a system, not an indestructibility promise.



MATCH + STRIKER + CASE

- **Choose a commercial product with instructions.**
- A match can survive moisture while its striker becomes unusable until dry.
- Keep both protected.

SCOPE

- **No wax dipping, thread wrapping, striking on teeth, homemade heads or fuel-filled bottles.**
- Keep matches out of children's reach.
- Young readers can help make the paper checklist with an adult.

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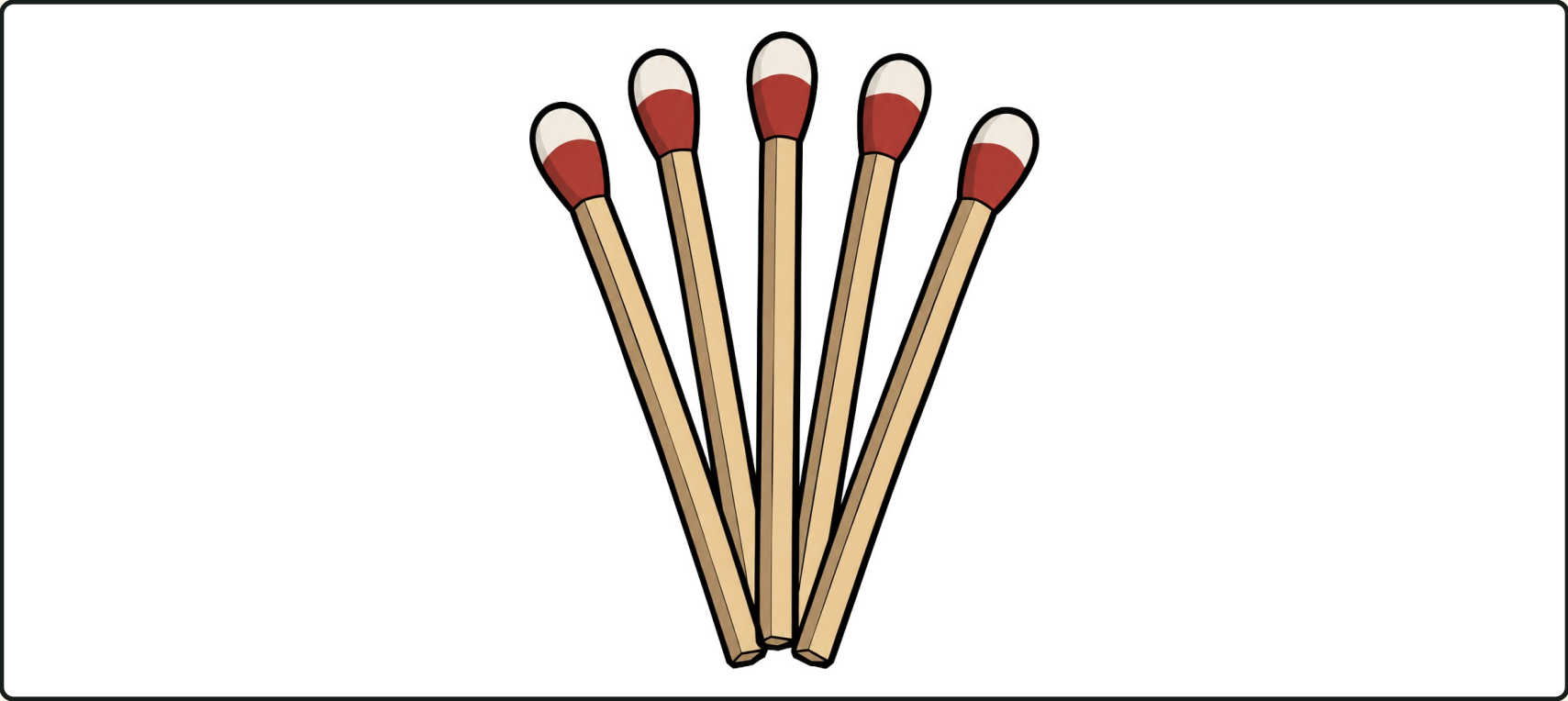
STEP

Choose the match system

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01

Start with one complete, labeled product.



DO THIS

- **Have an adult select commercial safety or storm matches.**
- Keep the supplied striker and instructions.
- Read the maker's storage, lighting and extinguishing directions before packing.

CHECK

- **Confirm the case is intended for matches and closes without pressing on their heads.**
- Do not mix loose matches with rough tools, coins or striker material.

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STEP

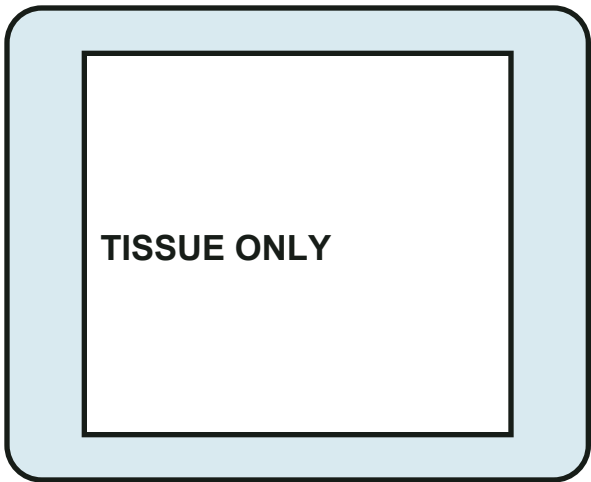
Check the empty case

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02

Test storage before putting matches inside.

EMPTY CASE / CUTAWAY



1 Tissue inside 2 Close the case 3 Brief splash outside 4 Dry outside, open, inspect

No matches during this check.

DO THIS

- **Inspect the empty case: no cracks, damaged seal or grit in the closure.**
- Place dry tissue inside, close it, and expose the outside to a brief splash over a sink.
- Dry the exterior before opening.

CHECK

- **Damp tissue means the case failed this limited splash check.**
- Replace it.
- Dry tissue does not prove submersion resistance; follow the case maker's rating.
- Let the case dry fully before packing.

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Pack it dry

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03

Protect the striker as carefully as the matches.



DO THIS

- **Pack according to the product directions.**
- Keep the striker in its intended compartment or its original protective packaging, separated from the match heads.
- Close the case and put it in a secondary dry bag.

CHECK

- **Write the product name and inspection date on your trip list.**
- Count the matches without scraping or squeezing their heads.
- A missing striker makes a complete-looking kit incomplete.

SOURCES / UCO: match directions

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STEP

Plan any flame test

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04

A working match still needs a permitted, controlled place.



BEFORE IGNITION

- Only an adult should test one match, where fires are permitted and conditions are calm.
- Keep water ready and clear people and flammable objects away.
- Follow the product lighting directions.

AFTERWARD

- Wet the spent match as its maker directs and verify it is fully out before disposal.
- Never leave fire unattended.
- Skip testing when restrictions or conditions make ignition unsafe.

SOURCES / NPS: campfire safety · UCO: match directions

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Recheck after the trip

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A closed case can still hide a problem.



DO THIS

- **With dry hands in a dry place, inspect the kit after use or water exposure.**
- Check the closure, striker condition and remaining matches.
- Replace damaged supplies and replenish used ones.

CHECK

- **Record date, condition and replacements.**
- If the striker is wet, follow its drying instructions or replace it.
- Do not heat matches to dry them.
- Store the kit securely away from heat and children.

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NOTE

Failure notes

KEEP THESE LIMITS WITH THE STEPS

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Diagnose the storage problem before the next outing.



WET OR MISSING STRIKER

- **Replace it with the maker's compatible striker.**
- A waterproof-match label does not turn every surface into a suitable striking surface.

KIT LEAKED OR RAN EMPTY

- **Replace faulty storage or replenish supplies.**
- Carry the rest of your essential equipment too: matches do not replace warm clothing, shelter, water or a trip plan.

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NOTE

Your kit record

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Write these details on paper and keep them with your packing list.



COPY AND FILL

- **Product:** ____ **Case rating:** ____ **Checked:** ____ **Match count:** ____ **Striker condition:** ____ **Next check:** ____

READY MEANS

- **Dry supplies, intact closure, original directions, local fire rules checked, and an adult responsible for use.**
- Revisit the map whenever a part needs replacing.

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QUICK REFERENCE

Read the full steps first. Tap any row to return to its instructions.

BEFORE STEP 01

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Choose a complete kit

Commercial matches plus the correct striker and directions.

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Inspect the empty case

A tissue splash check tests only that brief exposure.

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Pack dry

Protect the striker and close both storage layers.

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Plan any test

Adult use; permitted calm conditions; water ready.

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Inspect and replenish

Check after use or water exposure; store securely.

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Dry gear. Boring paperwork. Excellent sequel.

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