

# Dryer Lint & Egg Carton Fire Starters

(<http://www.twineandtable.com/diy-fire-starters/>)

It's camp fire season. Maybe that means packing up the car and pitching a tent. Or, you might simply be heading out your back door and cleaning out the fire-pit. Either way... sparks will fly.

If you want those sparks to turn to flames though, these fire starters are a must-make. With just a few supplies that you likely have around the house, these summer staples are nearly free and work as well as any store-bought starter.

You'll need:

- paper egg carton
- dryer lint (you can also use sawdust)
- paraffin or wax (beeswax if that's what you have left from a recent diy)
- twine (optional)

Collect your dryer lint. A couple loads worth is plenty. Cut the top off of your egg carton.

Melt the paraffin over a double boiler. This is a great way to recycle old candles or wax rings around your votives.

While your wax is melting, stuff each container with lint, pressing firmly to fill. Place your egg carton over wax paper or newspaper in case any wax should leak through the carton.

Once your wax is melted, carefully pour into each compartment. Distribute the wax evenly, and so that the lint is covered.

When the wax has hardened and cooled, cut the carton to divide the compartments into individual cups.



Fold the corners over each other. Tie with twine to secure... or just to make them look like perfect little fire-starting presents.

To use, light the twine or any unwaxed area of carton.

The lint catches fire quickly, and the wax slows the burn time. These starters will burn for 15-20 minutes – plenty of time to light your firewood and fuel your fire.

Keep these starters for campfires all season long. Or, pair them with s'more supplies for a perfect summer hostess gift!





## Wine cork fire starters

(Found on <http://bonnieprojects.blogspot.com/2013/12/wine-cork-fire-starters.html?m=1>)

This gift was the quickest and most budget-friendly yet!

Every time we drink a bottle of wine, I toss the wine cork into a bowl, promising myself that one day I'll find something to do with them. Now I finally did!

All you do is stuff a container with wine corks (I used a mason jar for added cuteness), and top it off with rubbing alcohol. My one-quart mason jar, stuffed with corks, used about 16 oz. of alcohol.

All you have to do is light one or two below your fire, and it should start right up!

It took me about five minutes to make this. The only thing I bought was the alcohol for \$2, and I only used half of it.

\*\*Be sure to practice fire safety and keep this away from the fire!



## Simple and Nearly Free Fire Starters

We've all been told to clean out the lint trays in our dryers to avoid a house fire. And for good reason- dryer lint burns like crazy! And when we clean out that tray, we throw the lint out, right?

Not anymore. Dryer lint makes a *fabulous* fire starter (i.e., tinder) for those of us with wood-burning fireplaces in our homes.



## Saw Dust Fire Starters

(Found on <https://www.woodmagazine.com/woodworking-tips/techniques/dust-collection/sawdust?page=1>)



Pack sawdust into paper muffin cups or a cardboard egg carton. Melt paraffin wax or old candles in a double boiler, pour over the sawdust and allow to cool. Slow burning when lit, these hotcakes make great starters for a fireplace or campfire.

# Holiday Wax Fire Starters

(Found on <http://rootedinthyme.blogspot.com/2015/10/holiday-wax-fire-starters-and-simple.html>)

Our family always loves to have a fire in the Fall.

It tells us the holidays are near!!

Homemade wax fire starters are perfect for a camp fire or outdoor fire. Easy to use, just place between dry logs and light the wick. Great holiday gift too!

These are not for a gas fireplace or interior wood stove.

I used some small pumpkin acorns, fresh bay leaves and cinnamon sticks and pine cones. I added them all to some melted candle wax carefully poured into the cupcake tins.

They turned out so pretty!! They're a festive look for the holidays!! This was a fun and easy project! Looking forward to seeing all your inspiring ideas and goodies this week!!



# Herbal Fire Starter

(Found on <http://www.wholeliving.com/136142/25-eco-chic-ideas-your-home/@center/136755/green-home-guide#92782>)

Pinecones and dried herbs such as rosemary, sage leaves, and cinnamon sticks make fragrant kindling for a winter fire -- and, unlike composite firelogs and lighter fluid, don't rely on chemicals to ignite the flame. 1. Bundle dried herbs and small pinecones in a sheet of newspaper and secure the ends with raffia or cotton twine. 2. As you pile up logs for your fire, nestle the herb bundle underneath, with paper ends sticking out. 3. To start the fire, light the newspaper ends. As the paper burns up, the herbs inside will ignite and incinerate, giving the logs a chance to catch fire. Cost: less than \$10



More fire starting ideas can be found here: <https://www.onecrazyhouse.com/diy-fire-starters/>