

# Fire Starting Tips

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Steel wool makes great tinder. Just tear off a bit (about half the size of a cotton ball) and pull it apart so that it isn't clumped. Touch a 9-volt battery to the wires to create a spark. Put the steel wool on/in your tinder and gently blow on it.

Cotton balls also make good tinder. They burn well by themselves, but you can supercharge things by working some petroleum jelly into it. Once you have done that, the cotton will burn much longer.

To start your fire, do this:

1. Make a small pile of wood shavings and leave an indentation at the top where you planning to put your cotton or steel wool.
2. Make a teepee of small sticks around the tinder pile, but make sure to leave an opening to add your cotton or steel wool.
3. Now light the tinder (e.g. steel wool or cotton) and put it in the indentation in your mound of shavings through the opening in your teepee of sticks.
4. Blow gently to give the fire more oxygen if necessary.
5. Presto! You quickly have a strong enough flame that you can start adding larger and larger tinder.

Good luck.

Items in kit:

- 100% cotton balls (no polyester)
- Petroleum jelly
- #0000 steel wool
- 9-volt battery
- Wood shavings
- Wood shims, broken
- Lighter
- Matches