



THE JUST-IN-CASE

CAMPING GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

HELLO, HAPPY CAMPER,

and welcome to the great outdoors.

Or, more than likely, the not-so-great outdoors. After all, a lot can go wrong out there. But with a Case® Knife and a little bit of know-how, you'll be right at home when things go wrong far from home.

In this book, you'll find tips and tricks to keep the wild at bay. Whether it's weather, gear left at home or bears, there's nothing a savvy camper can't fix.

So save this book and if you save the day, feel free to let us know.

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Sharpening your blade

The first step to keeping your hands sharp is keeping your knife sharp. A sharp knife is the one tool you need if you don't have all the tools you need. And while the best way to sharpen your blade is a hotly debated topic, there's one thing we can all agree on: A dull blade is a good way to get hurt.

No matter how you sharpen your knife, you should always follow the instructions included by the manufacturer in your sharpening device. But however you decide to keep your edge, keep reading for a few sharpening tips that every knife owner can use.



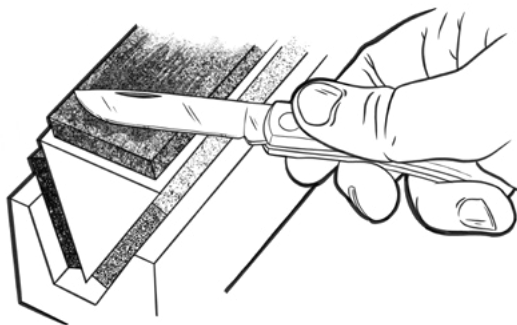
As the saying goes ...

A drop of oil removes the soil and makes your pocket knife last.

To use no oil, your knife will spoil; the back spring wears out fast.



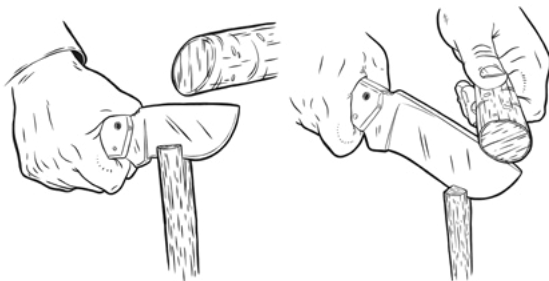
STEP ONE Start by sliding one edge of the knife along the rough side of your sharpening stone. Be sure to work **away from your body** and keep the blade at a 10- to 15-degree angle. Imagine you're cutting a very thin slice off the sharpening stone. Repeat for the other side of the blade.



STEP TWO Next, switch the stone to the fine grit and repeat the action from the previous step. Just a few strokes along each side should achieve a properly honed edge.

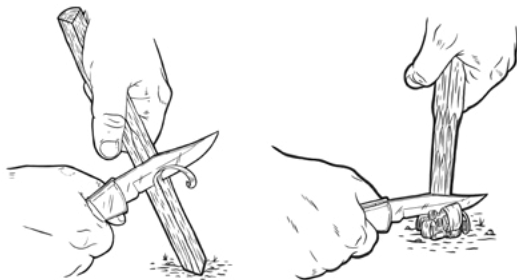
It's wet out there

How to make a feather stick for wet conditions



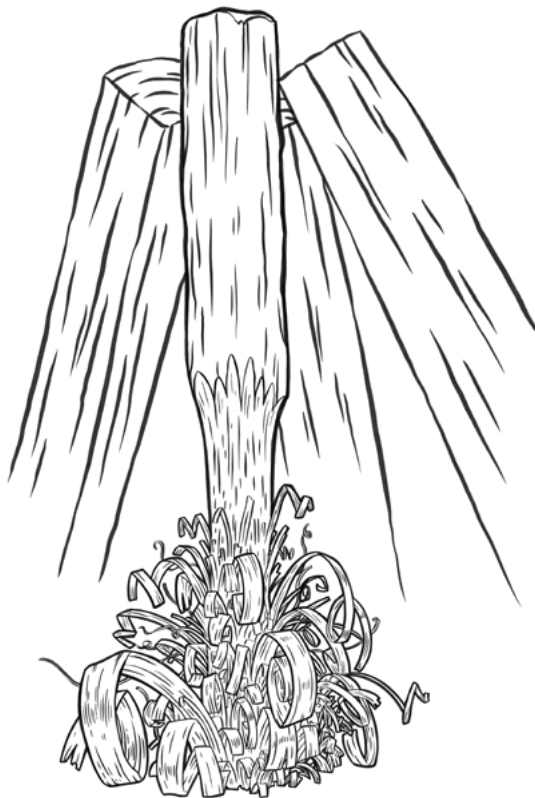
STEP ONE To begin, find a stick and split it in half using a fixed-blade knife.

STEP TWO Repeat Step One to split the stick into quarters. That'll give you a nice right angle to work on.



STEP THREE Starting about 3 inches from the base, run the knife along the sharpest angle to create a curl of wood.

STEP FOUR Rotate the knife slightly, gliding it along the angle each time. Repeat, creating curls around the entire base of the stick.



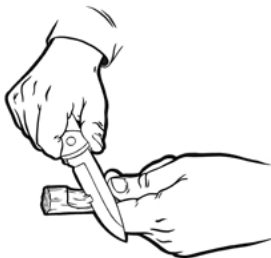
STEP FIVE Create a pyramid of wood with the feather stick at the base. Use flint and steel to create a spark along the fine curls at the base of the feather stick. Make s'mores.

The stakes are low

How to carve your own tent stake



STEP ONE Track down a fallen branch about 2 inches in diameter. Trim the bark and carve the end into a sharp point.



STEP TWO Cut a small notch into the top end of the stake. This will keep the rope in place and make sure your stake holds its own.



STEP THREE On the notched end of your stake, carve a chamfer in order to prevent the stake from splitting when hammered into the ground.



STEP FOUR Carve a hammer.

You've need for a hammer

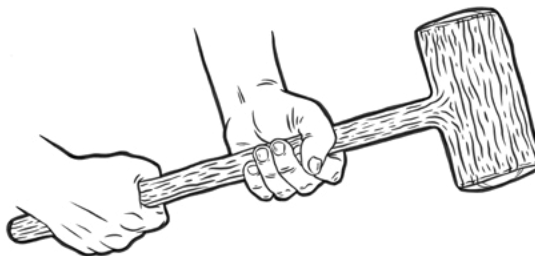
How to make a wooden mallet



STEP ONE Source dead-fall with a branch at a 90-degree angle to the main trunk. The branch will act as the handle, and the trunk will act as the business end. Trim the excess.



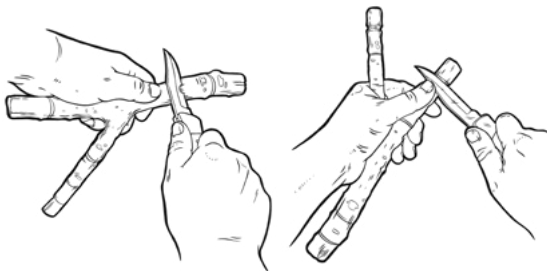
STEP TWO Round out the head on each side of the mallet to prevent the wood from splitting on impact.



STEP THREE Congratulations, you're now Thor, god of thunder.

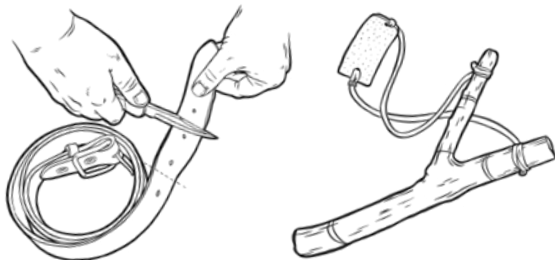
You've got a rubber hose

How to make a slingshot



STEP ONE You're aiming for a branch that's shaped like a Y. At least at first. After that, you can aim at whatever you want.

STEP TWO Trim the excess from the branch, creating a handle about 5 inches long that forks into two 3-inch-long ends.

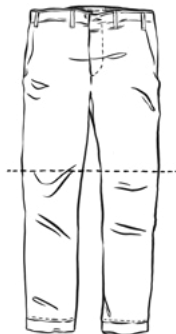


STEP THREE Using your belt, cut a section including two holes to create a pocket for a projectile and fasten it to the slingshot with a rubber hose.

STEP FOUR Take aim.

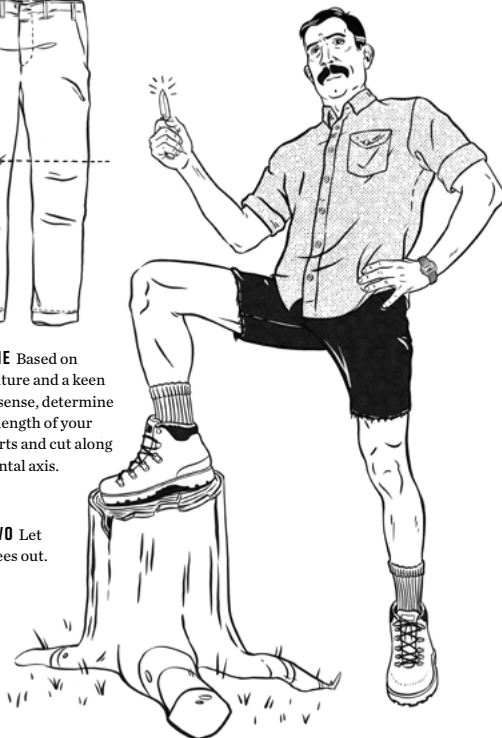
You forgot how to pack

How to make a pair of shorts



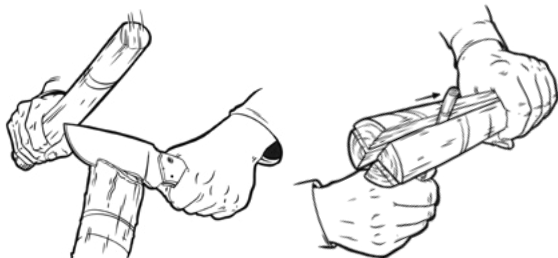
STEP ONE Based on temperature and a keen fashion sense, determine desired length of your new shorts and cut along a horizontal axis.

STEP TWO Let your knees out.



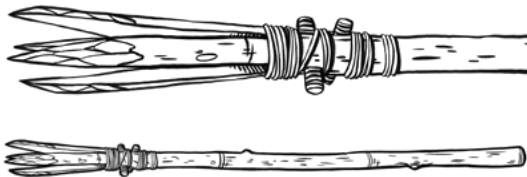
You're hungry

How to make a fishing spear



STEP ONE Hunt down a stick that'll do the job, preferably 2 inches in diameter and light enough to throw. Split one end into quarters.

STEP TWO Insert two small twigs into the split log in order to separate the four tips.

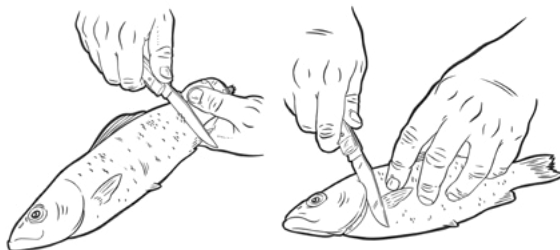


STEP THREE Wind lashing around the twigs to keep them in place and keep the wood from splitting further.

STEP FOUR Sharpen the ends and aim them at a fish.

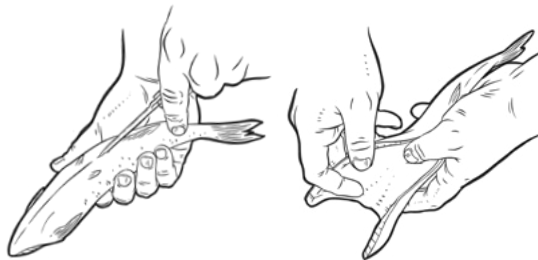
You're still hungry

How to clean a fish



STEP ONE Run your blade across the fish, from tail to head, in order to remove the scales.

STEP TWO Placing the knife just below the gills, remove the head from the fish.

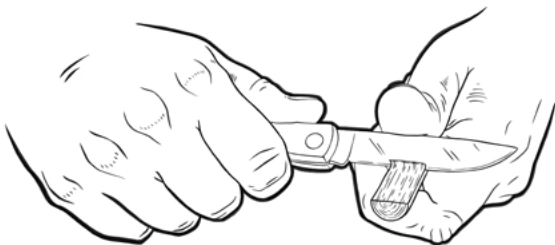


STEP THREE Cut a line along the belly of the fish. Pull from just below the base of the jaw to remove the guts.

STEP FOUR Run your finger along the dark red line of the fish's spine to get the last of the insides outside. Feast.

Your clothes are wet

How to make a clothespin



STEP ONE Find a small branch and split it in half to make two short lengths of wood.

STEP TWO Carve along the end of the stick, creating a flat taper about 2 inches long.



STEP THREE Repeat Step Two on the other stick. The two should fit together nicely.



STEP FOUR Bind the two together with a piece of elastic just before the tapers begin. Squeeze the tapered ends together to open.



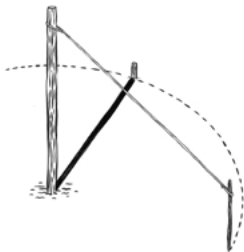
STEP FIVE Enjoy the great outdoors.

You lost your way

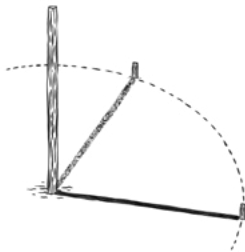
How to find north using a sundial



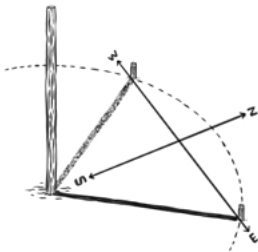
STEP ONE Using the morning sun, place a 2-foot-long stick in the ground and mark the end of its shadow with a small peg.



STEP TWO Tie a string around the larger stick and trace a circle in the dirt with the distance between the larger stick and the small peg as the radius.



STEP THREE As the sun moves, so will the shadow. When the end of the stick's shadow touches the circle again, mark the point with another small peg.



STEP FOUR Find the center point between the two small pegs and draw a line out from the larger stick. It's pointing north.

You see something interesting

How to point at almost anything



STEP ONE Assume a comfortable position with your weight equally distributed across the balls of your feet (or with your feet firmly planted on solid ground). With your dominant hand, point to something interesting.

Your knife isn't enough

How to make a spoon



STEP ONE Find a branch about 2 inches wide and split it in half lengthwise.



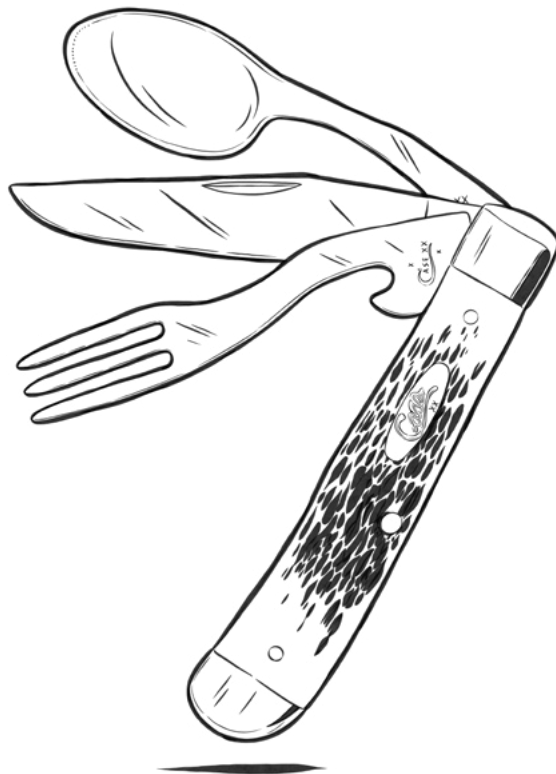
STEP TWO Carve one end of the stick into a handle, leaving about 2 inches to act as the bowl of the spoon.



STEP THREE Smooth the large end of the stick, creating an oval shape.



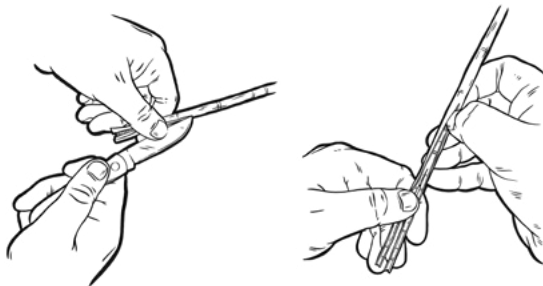
STEP FOUR Using the ball of your thumb and the tip of the blade, carve out a bowl shape to finish the spoon, and clean up the rough edges with a bit of sandpaper.



STEP FIVE Or just use the Case Hobo Knife.

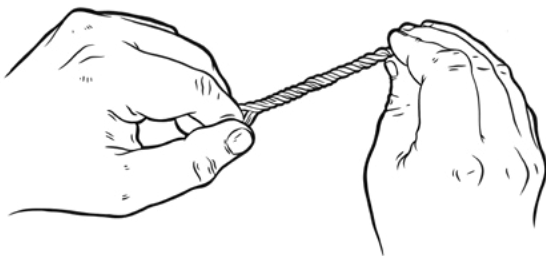
You need to tie something down

How to make rope from stinging nettles for lashing



STEP ONE Make an incision at the end of a stem of stinging nettles in order to separate the fibers from the woody stock.

STEP TWO Using your thumb, work your way up the stem, continuing to separate the fibers.



STEP THREE As you work your way up the nettles, break off and discard the woody stock, leaving behind the fibers.

STEP FOUR Twist the fibers together in order to create a strong rope.

You've got a bug problem

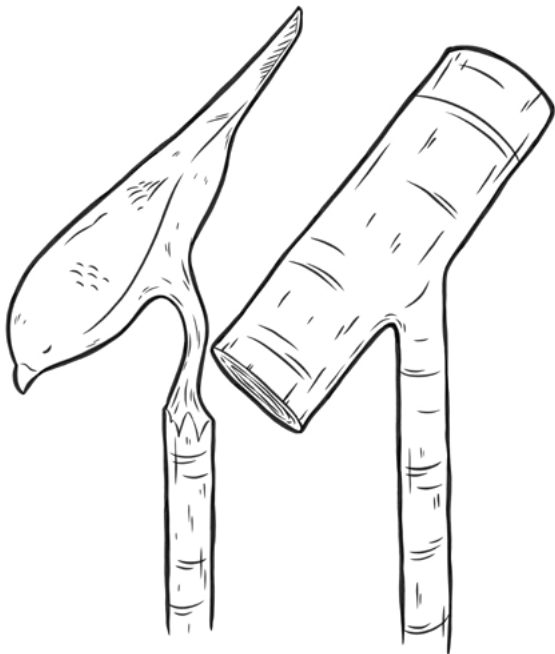
How to make a fly swatter



STEP ONE Grab a branch with the leaves still attached. Swing it aggressively toward the tiny flying enemies invading your camp.

You get lonely out there

How to whittle a friend



STEP ONE Look around your campsite, take in the vast wilderness surrounding you and realize that you're the only human for miles. Face your loneliness. Bask in it. See how it feels. Decide to carve a friend.



STEP TWO Find a branch with a single fork and remove the bark with your knife.



STEP THREE Flatten the top and bottom of one end, creating a wide, flat surface for the tail.



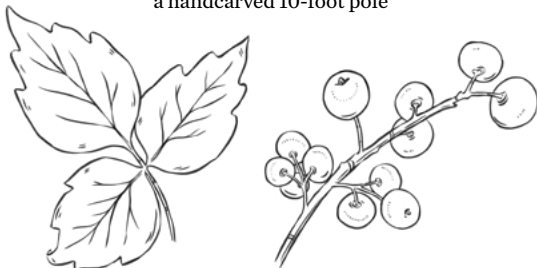
STEP FOUR Shape the sides and top of the head. Add eyes and sharpen the front into a beak.



STEP FIVE Taper the leg branch. Sand down the rough edges, carve the details and add the finishing touches. Make light conversation.

You're a curious bugger

Things you shouldn't touch with
a handcarved 10-foot pole



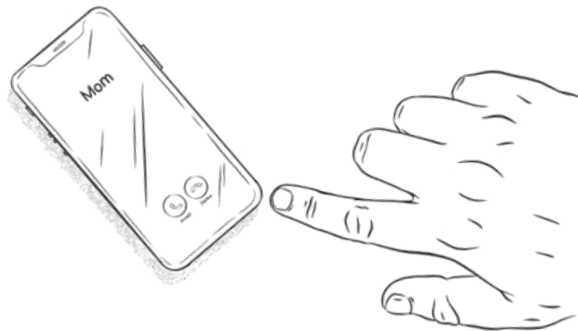
POISON IVY This would be a great spot for a joke, but poison ivy is no laughing matter. If you see the telltale leaves of three or seasonal white berries, stay away. And remembering this rhyme can help you identify it in the wild: *"Leaves of three, let them be!"*



A SLEEPING BEAR Here's another saying for you: "Let sleeping dogs lie." But in this case, it's a bear. A bear tucked away in its cozy den for the winter until you decided to "poke the bear." And now it's hungry. For you.

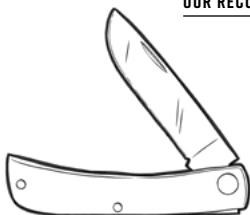


AN ANGRY SPIDER Check your boots every morning before putting them on. Spiders love to hide in dark, damp places and will often crawl into boots during the night after they've already crawled across your face. Don't touch it.



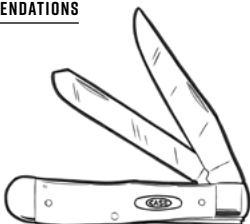
YOUR CELLPHONE Unless, of course, your mother is calling wondering whether you're coming home for Thanksgiving. She's making your favorite: sweet potato casserole with marshmallow topping. Also, Uncle Ricky is coming into town with his new girlfriend and he wants everyone to make her feel welcome. Not like what happened last year with Cindy.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



YELLOW SYNTHETIC CHROME VANADIUM SOD BUSTER®

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