



Tipi fire in 5 steps

AT A GLANCE

	What	A safe tent-shaped campfire that burns quickly and reliably
	What for	Cooking, warmth, devotions and songs by the fire
	Safety	Only with leaders, only where fires are allowed, water always ready

 20 minutes

 from 8 years

 permitted fireplace

 bucket of water required

Three kinds of wood – memory aid: hair, pencil, arm

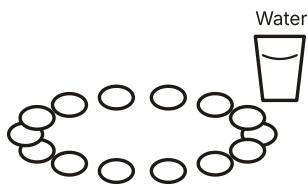
Tinder as thin as **hair**: dry grass, birch bark, fine wood shavings

Kindling as thick as a **pencil**: dry, thin twigs that snap when you bend them

Fuel wood as thick as an **arm**: only add it once the kindling is burning well

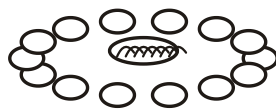
Step by step

1. Prepare the site



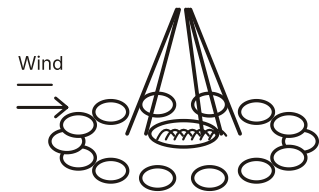
Only at a permitted fireplace. Lay a ring of stones, sweep away leaves, have a bucket of water ready.

2. Tinder nest



Shape a handful of tinder loosely into a nest and put it in the middle.

3. Build the tipi

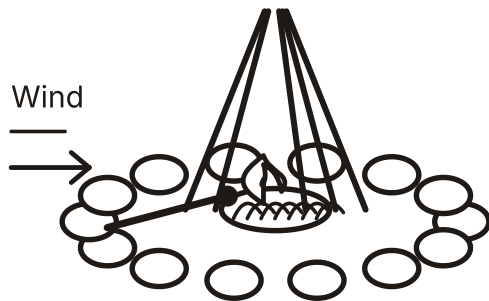


Stand kindling at an angle around the nest like a tent. Leave a gap on the windward side.



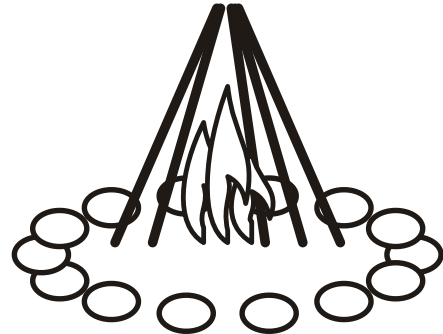
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4. Light it



Kneel with your back to the wind. Strike a match and hold it through the gap to the tinder.

5. Feed it



When the kindling is burning, gradually lean thicker wood against it. Not too much at once – fire needs air.

💧 Putting it out properly

- 1 Pour plenty of water over the embers – it hisses and steams.
- 2 Stir with a stick and pour on more water.
- 3 Carefully hold your hand over the ashes: nothing may still be warm.

✅ Checklist for the group meeting

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| ☐ Fires are allowed here (fire risk level checked) | ☐ Everyone knows the stop word |
| ☐ Bucket of water is ready | ☐ A leader is present the whole time |
| ☐ Hair tied back | ☐ Fire completely out at the end |

🏆 **Challenge for older scouts:** Can you do it with just two matches? Or with a fire steel instead of a match?