

# How to Make a Mini Survival Kit

This [survival kit](#) was designed to fit in your pocket. It contains a minimal amount of things to keep you alive that you can buy cheap, or already have.

## Steps

1. Gather all of the items in the "Things you'll need" Section at the bottom of this page.
2. Use paint thinner to remove the Altoids paint on the outside.
3. Clean the inside with a lightly scented soap to remove mint smell.
4. Fold the aluminum foil in a way that lets it fit easily into the bottom of the tin.
5. Fold the garbage bag the same size as the foil and put some tape around the bag to keep it compact. Put it on top of the foil.
6. Place the duct tape on top of the (optional) tea bag.
7. Place the box of matches on top of the duct tape to one side of the tin.
8. Fit the cotton balls inside the hole of the roll of thread
9. Place the small plastic bag filled with the razor blades, fishing hooks, and weights on top of the roll of thread.
10. Place the roll of snare wire on top of the "fishing kit."
11. Fit the compass and vacuum-packed Tylenol pills wherever there is room left.
12. Close the tin.
13. Wrap a wide and thin amount of duct tape around your fingers, then place inside the tin. You don't want to prevent yourself from getting access to the items in the tin.
14. Wrap the parachute cord around the outside of the tin.

## Tips

- Pack tightly



- You can use the tin as an improvised stove. It can hold Esbit tablets as they burn.
- Both the aluminum foil and the tin can be used as a signal. Foil can also be used as a pot or cup in which to boil water.
- Dry the cotton balls before putting into the kit.
- Put matches in a small plastic zipper bag, 35mm film can, or something waterproof.
- Wrap the duct tape around itself four fingers wide to make it a flat roll. Place in altoids tin.
- Wrap the thread around 3 fingers, then tape it to keep it in a "roll" and

## Things You'll Need

- Altoids Tin - to store all items and use as Esbit tablet stove.
- 2 Razor Blades - dress game.
- 1 Box Matches in waterproof container or bag.

- 4 Cotton Balls with vaseline in them.
- 6 Medium Size Fishing Hooks (purchased with short line on them)
- 6 Lead Fishing Weights
- Fishing Knot Sheet - to tell you how to tie knots.
- 10-20 ft Black Thread/Fishing Line - do not use cheap thread, it will break easily.
- Small, Thin LED Flashlight - the LED uses little power so the battery will last a long time.
- 10-20 ft Snare Wire (Thin Steel Wire)
- Button Compass - you cannot tell which way is north if you cannot see the sun at night or on cloudy days.
- Plastic Wrap or plastic sheet (For Collecting Water)
- Garbage bags, 1 - used to collect water from plants via transpiration, to keep yourself dry, for sleeping on.
- 2 Tylenol/Advil (Vacuum Packed)
- 10 ft Parachute Cord - used for tying up sticks to make a shelter, threads can be used for fishing line or to repair fabric.
- 2 ft Duct Tape - can be used to create a shelter, patch a hole in a tent.
- 4-7 Various Sized Safety Pins
- 1 Forearm Length of Aluminum Foil (for signaling or cooking)
- Water Purification Tablets (Required) - pure water that does not make you sick is the #1 thing you need in a survival situation. Your body needs lots of water to digest food.
- Tea Bag (Optional/To make boiled water taste better)
- (If you don't have a tea bag, you can boil pine needles for a sweet-tasting, nutritious morning drink.)