

## How to use a tinder box

- Keep it dry and this is all better done out of the wind.
- Take out the steel and hold it your left hand (or right if left handed).
- Take the flint and strike a glancing blow downwards along the edge of the steel, making sure you use an edge of the flint – you are actually shaving off a sliver of steel that becomes the spark.
- Remove the lid from the tinder, hold the steel above it and strike the flint so that sparks fall onto the tinder.
- When a spark has taken blow gently and you will quickly see the tinder smoulder.
- Touch the sulphurous end of a wooden spunk on the glowing tinder and blow gently.

A small blue flame will be visible when the sulphur takes and this will light the wood.

- This flame is unstable so use it to light the waxed string and use this to light a candle.
- Put the lid back on the tinder and push down to extinguish it.
- With a little practice this whole process will take about 20 seconds.