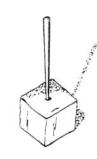


Builder's plastic can be used for ground cloths and to improvise tents and flies. Tie a small stone in the corner with the tent rope. It won't easily rip out.



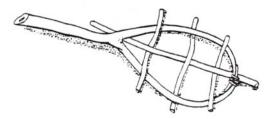
Film cans make good personal salt and pepper shakers. Close the top with tape—stick it on the side when in use.



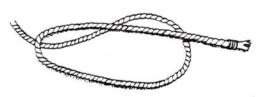
Dip with toothpick.



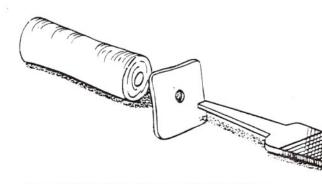
Cubes of Celotex or short rolls of newspaper dipped in paraffin make good fire starters. Use a match to light. Warning: Use a double boiler to melt paraffin to prevent fire.



A "tennis racket" broiler is a great way to broil a small steak or fish.



Rope is expensive and here's how to conserve it. Cut rope into 15-, 20-, and 25-feet lengths. Whip the ends. Paint the whippings on the 15-feet lengths with red paint. Three letters in red—each letter stands for 5 feet. Paint the 20-feet lengths with blue (4 letters × 5 feet is 20 feet), and the 25-feet lengths with green paint. Set the standard that rope is never cut—tuck in what you don't need or get a shorter piece. Scouts can instantly identify the lengths, and you'll probably wear out the rope before it's all cut up!



For safety, your file should have a handle. A .ole drilled in a short stick and a scrap of leather do a fine job.