



Hands-on: **Build a fireplace**

Materials and tools

- Large stones (not flint as it shatters in the heat)
- Dry twigs, small kindling sticks and small logs (5-7 cm in diameter)
- Lighter and possibly firelighters
- Water to extinguish the fire



Important before you build a fire

- You may only light a fire if an adult is present.
- Know the rules in your local area regarding open fires and bonfires in nature.
- Check the weather forecast. If it is very windy, you must not light a fire.
- Think carefully about where you place the fire. Keep a safe distance from neighbours and vegetation.
- NEVER use flammable liquids!
- The fire must always be supervised.
- Always have water or a fire extinguisher at hand in case the flames begin to spread.

A good fire is not necessarily a large one with big logs. We recommend the log cabin fire, which burns easily, quickly creates good flames and then glowing embers for cooking.

Instructions

- 1 Surround the fireplace with large stones. The fire must be enclosed so it cannot spread. Clear around the fireplace and remove leaves, branches, pot plants, toys or other items that could burn.
- 2 First place dry twigs on the fireplace, then build up the fire with small pieces of wood stacked in a square. Put some kindling and possibly a firelighter in the middle of the pagoda fire.
- 3 Light the kindling. When the flames have caught hold of the wood, you can add more wood for greater heat.
- 4 Always extinguish the fire thoroughly with water before you leave it.

