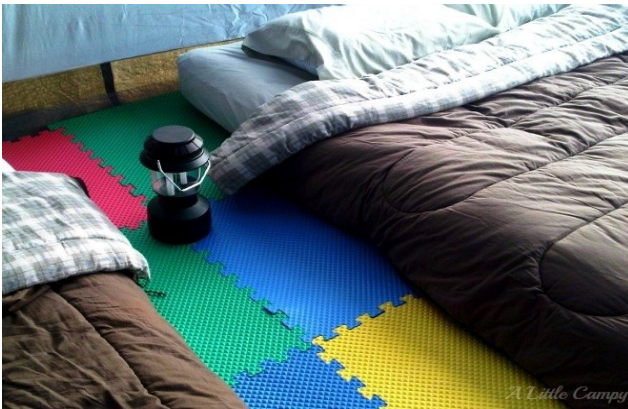
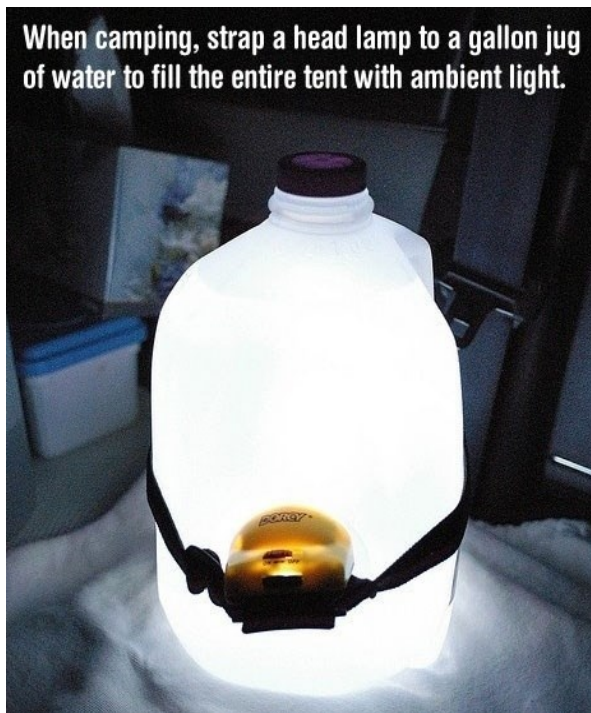


Who wouldn't want to save money? I do! I would like to present several articles that I researched for you! These articles can be found online, and I will leave the hyperlink after the article. Have a pleasant day, Megan E. Cook.



Try using foam tiles for comfortable sleep in a tent.

When camping, strap a head lamp to a gallon jug of water to fill the entire tent with ambient light.



Try this one: Mountain Dew + baking soda + peroxide = lantern



Try using old sandwich boxes for storage and gluing sandpaper on top to light the matches.



Repurpose a coffee can to hold and protect toilet paper.



To save space use Tic-Tac boxes to store spices.



Make crescent rolls over the campfire.  
For maximum yumminess, fill 'em with stuff like marshmallows and Nutella. Or wrap hot dogs with them.



Make candle stakes for romantic nighttime lighting.



## Hillbilly Washing Machine

<http://refashionista.wordpress.com/2012/05/21/diy-hillbilly-washing-machine/>

21 May 2012 by Melissa | @refashionista

This is a great method for off-the-grid low-tech clothes washing or, in my case, diaper washing as part of the Second Annual Flats and Handwashing Challenge.

The total cost to make this washer was around \$6, and about 10 minutes. The amount of time it takes to operate depends entirely on the quantity of clothing and the type of material being washed. Denim, for example, will take more effort than t-shirts.

The first thing you need to do is obtain a suitable bucket. The place where I work often has empty 18.9L (5 US gallon) detergent buckets, so I popped over to pick one up. Total cost to me? \$0

These buckets are great because the cover already has a small lidded opening in the cover — you will want to use it with the cover on to avoid splashing. For optimum efficiency, it's best to have the hole centered in the lid, but I was coming at it from the "ease of construction" angle. ;)

The other thing you need is a traditional-style toilet plunger. I found one at a local building supply store for around \$6.00.

The plunger, and the plunging action employed through good old elbow grease, act as the agitator in your washing machine. Depending on the style of your plunger, you may want to cut away the extra rubber flap inside — this can contribute to overly sudsy wash water, which is something best avoided when washing cloth diapers as it requires much more rinsing.

As an extra step to prevent this problem, you will want to cut between 3 - 6 quarter-sized holes around the perimeter of the plunger. It doesn't have to be perfect — mine clearly isn't! I found that three holes wasn't enough, so I went for the full six.

Be very careful when cutting these holes — I found the squishy, thick rubber quite difficult to deal with, even using a very sharp knife. Remember to practice safe knife practices when cutting these — SAFETY CIRCLE, Everyone! :) The next step is putting it through a trial run. I opted to start with otherwise clean but freshly tie-dyed diapers, before moving onto washing today's dirties. I added my detergent (1/2 what I'd use in our regular washer) to the bottom of the bucket and then filled the bucket half-full with very hot water. I dumped in the diapers (about 8 flats, plus wipes and home-made fleece liners) and started plunging. In hindsight, I could have used a bit less detergent, as it required two rinses, but they got good and clean in very little time.

After the final rinse, I pulled them out of the bucket, wrung out as much water as possible, and hung them on the line. The rinse water went straight onto my flower beds, where my roses gratefully drank it up.

Overall, it went together quickly and was very easy to use. I stood the bucket on a knee-high step to facilitate the plunging, but I think I will get a longer handle for the plunger so I can set the bucket flat on the ground. I'm not sure I'd want to wash two days' of diapers in one go, but doing a single day's worth was pretty easy and not a terrible way to unload the many little frustrations of my afternoon. ;)

We will take it with us when we go camping this summer and leave it at our cabin for doing laundry. I think the threat of washing clothes this way will serve as an incredibly effective deterrent for bad behavior with my older boys!

Pictures are on the next page.

## The Hillbilly Washer Machine Photos



Make travel coffee bags out of coffee filters and dental floss. Place a scoop of coffee grounds (instant coffee and the recommended scoop in coffee can) into a coffee filter and tie it up with dental floss. When you're ready to brew, just make it like you would make tea in a teabag!



Make single-use soap leaves from a bar of soap and a vegetable peeler.





Use an empty laundry detergent dispenser as a hand-washing station. Just fill it up with water.



Pack a mini first-aid kit into an old prescription bottle or Altoids tin.



**A BELT AND SOME HOOKS  
WORK GREAT TO HANG POTS  
WHEN CAMPING.**



Make pancakes with pre-made pancake mix using shortening and dry milk, which don't need to be refrigerated. You can also find powdered eggs at most grocery stores.



Forgo the meat marinade and put the rosemary right on the coals. Once the coals are uniformly gray and ashy, cover them with fresh rosemary branches. Your meat and vegetables will be flavored with the taste of savory herbs.



Try roasting Starburst. Sounds crazy, but it's actually delicious. Crunchy on the outside, warm and gooey on the inside. Roast it until it's bubbling.



If you're going to be hiking, use this biodegradable trail-marking tape. To make sure you will not get lost.



Use a bucket and a milk crate as an emergency toilet.





## Orange rolls cooked in oranges over a fire

Jun 16, 2010 by Ben

First, a big giant welcome to all the new users from [Pinterest](#) and [Pillsbury](#). I hope you enjoy TrulySimple and [let me know](#) what you think. We Went camping with our friends to Pismo Beach state park over the weekend and had a great time. We love Pismo Beach and especially love eating at [Splash's Cafe](#). They have the best clam chowder in the world.

I love camping and I love eating while camping. It just all tastes better for some reason. For breakfast on the last day, we tried out something fun with the kids and created some great orange rolls that we cooked inside of oranges over the fire. My wife got this recipe from a friend and we through we would try it out, and it turned out great.

You will need:

- Oranges
- Pillsbury Grands! Orange Flavor Rolls

A Camp fire

Cut the oranges in half.

scoop out the insides

**DISCLAIMER #2: All of the orange bits we scooped out were eaten and not wasted.**

Grab the Pillsbury Grands! Orange Flavor Rolls and put one in each orange half.

Put the oranges onto a baking sheet or something you can throw on top a fire

Looking good

cover the oranges with tinfoil

throw the cooking tray on the fire

The rolls will rise as they bake

these smell amazing as they are cooking over the fire

Once the rolls have risen pull them off of the fire. Watch that they don't burn if you have a hot fire.

Add the icing to the rolls

sticky, yummy, and oh so good.

Now you eat them and enjoy the morning campfire.

These were a big hit with all the kids as well as the adults. We were all clamoring to eat these as we sat around the morning campfire.

Try these next time you are camping!

from <http://www.trulysimple.com/2010/06/orange-rolls-cooked-orange/>



Make an easy-to-carry fire starter with a cardboard-only egg carton and match light charcoal. You just have to light the carton and the fire will catch on to the charcoal.



Add bundles of sage to a campfire to keep mosquitoes away.

Pics with tips from <http://www.buzzfeed.com/peggy/camping-hacks-that-are-borderline-genius>

## Trash:

- Please do not put household trash in the trash cans near the bathhouses and/or common areas.
- There are dumpsters on the South Side beside the pool to be used for trash.
- Please do **NOT** put wood of any kind in the dumpsters. Just leave it on the ground and our employees will take care of it.
- If you need help finding the dumpsters, any staff member would be glad to show you where they are located.
- You can also go to the office and get a map to show you where the rubbish bins are.
- There is no longer a rubbish area on Hillside. It has been moved to the south side on Meadow beside the pool. There are recycling bins there as well.

Also, remembering the various poisonous plants on paths is helpful and smart. Here are some pictures of the common ones:

