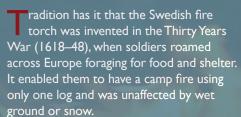
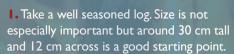
MAKING A SWEDISH FIRE TORCH

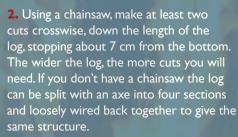
We've all seen them on sale in garden centres: 'Swedish fire logs' for a fiver. **DAVID ALTY** explains how to make one.





They are great way to provide a selfcontained fire for cooking, light, warmth or simply revelling in the primeval pleasure of a living flame. Making one is simplicity itself.







4. Push some flammable material into the top of the cuts, such as shredded birch bark. Build a small fire on the top of the log using small sticks. Keep feeding the fire until the top of the log has caught and the flames have started to spread down the cuts.

Light the log well before dark as they can take a while to get going. If you want to use the fire torch for cooking, it is best to get on with it while there is still a good solid base for your pot. Then sit back and enjoy the simplest of pleasures, an open fire, out in the open.







