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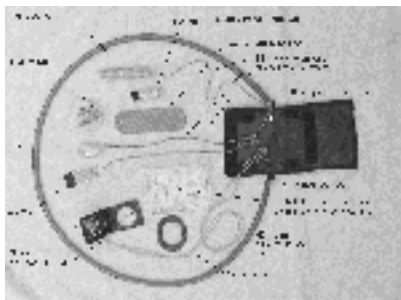
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How to build a

Neck Survival Pouch

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The author explains how to build a nice light neck survival pouch.

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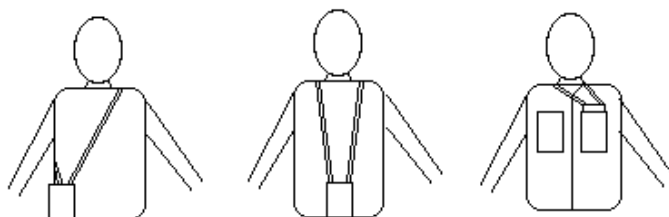
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Neck Survival Pouch

I have made/used a variety of survival kits over the years. Some fit in a trousers pocket, some went into a pouch on my military web gear. Each one was aimed at my situation. Today, I am more interested in a casual approach to being outdoors where I might need a small kit but I also need one which I won't neglect to take along. My current favorite is a neck-pouch style. I went to this style because I definitely want the surgical rubber tubing it includes and I do not want a larger belt or pocket kit. This kit is small, light and largely "sealed"....for use in the event of an emergency.....not for "every day" use. If I feel I need to consult a compass or use a flashlight, I take others along so I do not have to break into the survival kit. The survival kit itself contains no knife. It presumes you will be carrying a good belt or pocket knife. In addition, I always carry a large cotton bandana, I often take along a canteen with iodine tablets & a canteen cup, sometimes a military-style nylon poncho, and often a snack to munch on. Add the neck-pouch kit to these things and you have everything you need to survive very comfortably.

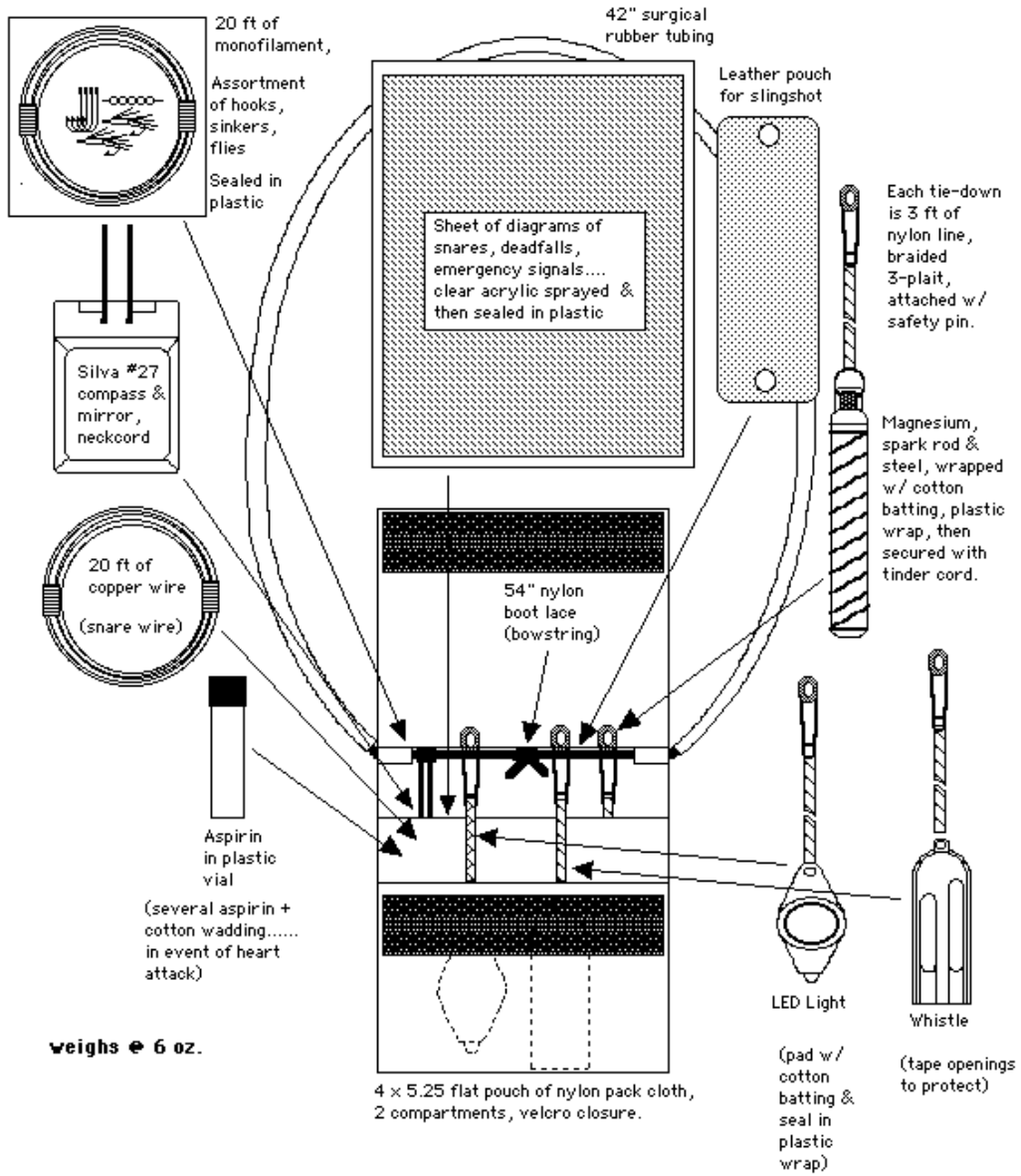
Notes on the contents:

- Fine cotton batting used as padding for several items is the tinder for the sparking rod.
- The tinder cord wrapped around the fire starter kit is a flat-braided synthetic/cotton ribbon I ran across that burns with a good hot flame. Cotton batting + a piece of cord + dry debris = a fire.
- 42 inches of rubber tubing is enough to make a slingshot + leave a 6-8" piece to be used as a drinking tube for sucking water from seeps or small springs. Tubing also makes a good tourniquet.
- A forked-stick slingshot using rubber tubing is a good small-game getter. As kids, we used to regularly kill rabbits, squirrels, frogs & birds with them. Shooting them is pretty instinctive & you can hit pretty well with a little practice. I place a lot more trust in a slingshot than I do in a snare or deadfall. And hunting is more proactive than waiting for something to wander into your trap.
- The aspirin is purely a concession to growing older; to be used in event of the sudden onset of chest pains or heart problems. A couple of aspirin can often help you survive a mild attack.
- The diagrams are reduced-size ones showing several snare/deadfall setups & triggers plus the std. air-ground and int'l morse signals. Not using these every day, I need refresher training.
- The braided-cord tie-down's keep things together + provide cord for other uses.
- The fishing hooks include some tiny (#16) hooks as well as larger ones. A small grub or maggot on a #16 will catch a minnow; a minnow can catch a larger fish. You just work your way up the food chain.
- Items which might become water-soaked have been either sealed in plastic or else wrapped in plastic kitchen wrap & taped. Items which are not particularly water-sensitive are not covered. The nylon cloth case itself keeps things pretty well-protected.
- You can add other items to the kit but eventually it gets to the point of diminishing returns: too much bulk or too much weight. Main thing is to have the basics and to have a kit small enough so you do not hesitate to take it along.
- The rubber tubing will eventually deteriorate, crack, weaken. Just check it & replace it.



There are several ways to wear it, depending on your preferences & what you are wearing.

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