

Survivalist.

I first got the idea way back in 1980 that the world might not be the same as the one I went to bed on some bright radioactive morning. I bought my first gas mask in Junior year of high school and turned my parents basement into a fallout shelter. we already canned more food than we could ever eat so my only concern was arms and ammo. I bought a 10/22 and an M1-A the year after my graduation and spent the rest of my time on books and trade school learning how things work and how to fix them.

Along about this time I found out that there was something "wrong" with me because I wanted to live past the balloon going up, that somehow I was "evil" or selfish. these same people proceeded to tell me my Ford Bronco was bad because it was made too well and posed a hazard to the newer, lighter cars. then they told me I was bad for owning "assault weapons" and I was as bad as a murderer for doing so.

It was about then I turned the idiot box off and dropped it off at dumpster and kept on stockpiling and waiting. A few things happened and I was glad I wouldn't listen to the crap on that damn box, such as the blizzard of 93 and a couple of other things. Y2K threw me, and I said to myself:

I'm not going to worry about some something until I see the rock in the sky or the mushrooms over the horizon. but I kept on stocking and studying.

{For what it's worth, I can see the "rock in the sky" pretty clear now and regret selling my gold and silver when I got disabled.}

Meh. where am I going with this? I'll probably make a lot of you mad when I say I don't care for the term "prepper" I know its a lot harder for the media to make it evil and scary, but still.

I'm that camouflage wearing creepy guy at the gun show hauling out a knapsack full of freeze dried food with a full ammo can in each hand. I'm the guy who lives by himself on the edge of town with the shortwave antenna on the roof and a small sign on his porch that says:

"You loot, I shoot."

I'm everything "THEY" fear. I'm independent, white, educated and armed and I can tell when someone's bullshitting me. I've long since ceased to care what "they" think. I WANT THEM TO FEAR ME NOW! and there's a LOT more like me out here, more than they could ever dream of in their most fevered dreams, and we're getting sick of their shit! Just sitting here behind my monitor, short wave going behind me, watching "their" world do the slow spin as it crashes. I never had a place in their world, they will have none in mine.

I'm The Magus.

I'm one of the bad guys, nice to meet you.

Unkle Tom's wonder pipe.

Materials:

an oak plank 1" thick and big enough to draw out the design of the pipe you want.

a 3/4" spade drill.

a 1/4" wood drill.

an electric drill.

an electric jig saw.

a 3/4" stainless steel pipe nipple.

a hack saw.

[1] draw out the design for the pipe on the plank and cut it out. you should use a vice but if one isn't handy, use a C clamp to hold it to a table or some such.

[2]Using the spade drill, bore down through the wood to within 1/2" of the bottom. if the tip of the drill pops through, no biggie.put a wood screw in it when you get done.

[3]Using the wood drill, bore through the stem slowly and carefully so you don't pop out the side.

[4] Coat the stainless steel pipe nipple with thermal epoxy and press it into the 3/4" inch hole or tap it in gently. let dry over night.

Now at this point one of two things has happened, one the hole of the mouth piece is below the pipe nipple, YAY that can be perfect if you want to use screens, if not. gently drill through the side of the nipple with a steel bit and use a metal spacer to keep the screen from going below your mouth piece hole.

[5] Use the hack saw to cut the threads off the pipe nipple that's sticking out.

Now comes the really fun stuff! Do you smooth the edges and just use it or do you carve, stain, engrave and otherwise embellish it into a true statement of your inner being? only you know if stained wood or brass tacks are your thing.

Waterproofing shoes and windbreakers cheap:

<http://www.amazon.com/Misty-A329-16-Silico.../dp/B0042VIKH8>

THE STUFF!

Waterproofs leather too. your local industrial supply probably has it cheap!

One can will do 100 sneakers, so soak it good! so far I haven't seen any ill affects even on a cloth duster.

Deer rifles for those who don't have \$\$\$

The Russian Moisan Nagant rifle is a bolt action used in WWII. it is chambered for 7.62X51 RR and although hunting ammo is hard to get it can be ordered for 25\$ a box, HOWEVER just shooting ammo is dirt cheap and 500 rounds can be had for almost the price of one box of hunting ammo, HOWEVER IT IS HIGHLY CORROSIVE SO YOU MUST CLEAN YOUR RIFLE AS SOON AS YOU ARE DONE! I use kerosene mixed with motor oil.

Here is a whole selection of well made, Soviet produced weapons and ammo, most of it priced for the proletariat!

<http://www.classicarms.us/firearms.htm>

How to deal with a dark bore.

EXAMPLE:

British 303, bore dark as mud but not rusted. bought for 50\$ at a flea market.

Materials:

One piece steel cleaning rod.

WD-40.

2 45 cal bore brushes.

1 30 cal bore brush.

Electric drill.

medium grit valve grinding compound or cheapo plain tooth paste.

Starting fluid if you had to use the tooth paste.

bore patches.

[1]

Remove the wood and any small parts that might fall off.

[2]

Soak the bore in WD-40 using a spent shell casing wrapped lightly in Teflon tape to plug the chamber.

go watch a couple of movies.

[3]

Drain the WD-40 and place the cleaning rod in the drill with the 45 cal brush installed. whiz it through

the bore from the chamber end a few times to get out the biggest hunks of crud.

[4]

Hose it out with the starting fluid and check the chamber and bore. you might get lucky and it will be shootable at this point. But lets assume not.

[5]

Put a fresh 45 brush in the rod and soak it with the valve grinding compound or tooth paste. Slowly, using a medium speed in the drill, work it through from chamber to muzzle for about an hour.

[6]

Hose it out with the starting fluid and check the bore and chamber for pits.

[7]

Swab the bore with the 30 cal brush and a clean patch until it comes out dry.

go shoot it!:D

The super 5\$ thermos.

1 quart stainless steel water bottle from the dollar store.2\$

2 drink cozies. 1\$ each.

a strip of heavy card board cut to the size of your bottle.

Some duct tape.

pop the bottom out of one of the cozies and slip it up on your bottle, follow with the one you left the

bottom in.

Put a round of duct tape around the seam between the cozies.

put the cardboard around the whole thing and put a bit of tape on the top and bottom.

it weighs zip empty and its cheap so you can make several. and when the cardboard gets nasty and it

will, just swap it off.

P.S

If you cut the cardboard a bit long you can stuff a Styrofoam cup in there for drinking out of.

The SUPREME fishing bucket!

[1] plastic pail with screw on lid, 5\$ at home depot or free if you know somebody in the fast food industry.

[1] piece of foam cushion big enough to cover the lid. the IDEAL is a worn out flotation cushion.

[1] tube of Gorilla glue. follow the directions.

[1]sheet of flexible foam insulation cut to fit around the inside of your bucket.

[1]sheet of flexible foam insulation cut to fit the bottom of the bucket.

[4] 1/4"X1" bolts, nuts, and washers.

[1]LARGE sized flag pole holder.[screw flags, its what your rod sits in!]

[1] piece of seat belt or old belt about 4' long or less if you're shorter than 6' it can be cut to your comfort!

[1] can of bright paint, your choice of color.

Step[1] glue the foam or cushion to the lid. let dry for a couple of days.

Step[2] glue the foam circle cut to fit the bottom of the bucket in.

Step[3] glue the foam side in and use a basket ball or half inflated beach ball to hold it in place while it dries.

Step[4] On the sides opposite the bail handle, drill a 1/4" hole just under the reinforcing lip and attach the strap[I have used rope, but that gets uncomfortable!]Make sure the washer is on the outside of the strap to prevent ripping out.

Step [5]Attach the flag holder using the other two bolts, put the washers and nuts on the inside.

Step [6] PAINT THE HELL OUT OF IT!

Step[7] ONLY IF YOU'RE LEET WITH A SCROLL SAW! Cut off another bucket near the bottom just

so it fits neatly down in the other one, use a marker to mark the exact edge and cut to the bottom of it

so it fits flush [evenly] with the mouth of the other bucket so you can put the lid on it.

find the approximate center which should be easy if there's a ring on the bottom and drill 2 holes and thread a rope through to be used as a handle to lift it out. then drill a shitload more holes to let the cold come up. now your sandwiches and smokes stay dry and away from the slimy fish and melted ice.

Sharpening a fish hook DEADLY sharp!

Most of your better hooks already are, BUT sometimes you just have to make do with the Chinese stuff[be careful, I have seen those damn things break!]

you need:

dull hooks.

A pair of needle nose lock grip pliers.

A whet stone.

a few drops of light oil to smear on the stone.

clamp the hook in the pliers barb down, and using the stone, gently stroke it toward the point going in

that direction only. in a few moments, the slightest touch should bring blood if you're not careful.

Afterwards, gently hook them into a cork or piece of Styrofoam to preserve the point until needed.

Uncle Tom's catfish enigma bait:

go to any meat counter and ask for a pound of fat trimmings from the meat, locally they'll give the stuff to you.

Cut into some 1/2"x3" strips and let dry where the bugs can't get it.

soak in bacon grease at least a day before fishing.

Catfish and red eyes love it!

The woodsman's staff:

In bygone days this thing not only eased your load, it could be a FORMIDABLE WEAPON![think Kung Fu Bo staff] Mine saved my ass from a couple of aggressive neighborhood dogs recently.

You need:

A hand saw.

Woods.

A tree which is at least 6' tall and reasonably straight and at least 1" thick but not over 2" thick. My favorite is dogwood, it cures hard and is damn near impossible to break and won't crack and attract bugs like other woods. I still have a staff I made when I was 10, still no cracks!

A knife or putty scraper to skin the bark, I like a 3" wide steel putty knife sharpened up like a knife, but any knife will work.

O.K, yadda yadda. you know how to cut down the tree and skin the bark, screw explaining that. NOW the stuff you don't know...

Go to the local industrial supply and buy a stainless steel connector approximately the same size diameter as your staff,[or if you're like me, put one on each end.]and whittle the staff down where you can beat it on with a hammer without much difficulty. drill a 1/4" hole all the way through and put a

1/4" rod through it, trim it off close and brad the ends down.

on the other end, drill a hole through the wood and put a thong through it.

Next, cover the entire thing in a thick coat of Vaseline and put it in your attic to season until spring. or a couple of weeks...

Take your new staff and sand it smooth, its easier now that its dry.

Now you can either rub in a few coats of furniture oil or stain it and varnish it depending on your taste.

In case you're wondering, the steel piece keeps the staff from fraying at the bottom and adds authority when swinging it on a dog's head! and it just looks cool.

Hiking. what you need, what you don't!

Walking staff. it needs to come up about chest level and be comfortable to lean on. padding the grip and

putting a rubber stopper on the tip increases utility. a wrist thong is good too. keeps you from losing it if you fall.

Water. at least a quart, even in winter.

Enough extra food to last over night if you screw up and get lost.

Space blankets, two of them, three if there's space. you can make a shelter out of these if you have to.

Extra lighter.

50' of high strength twine.

A heavy bladed hunting knife and utility tool such as a Leatherman.

Extra socks.

An extra jacket.

What you don't need.

Anything useless like a boom box, bed roll[unless you intend to camp!]shovel, axe, cooler full of crap you'll have to lug around, machete [no zombies] and anyone dumber than you unless you can make them carry useless stuff. :P

Coffee can crafting.

Lantern reflector:

Using a can opener, cut approximately half way around the bottom of the can.

Using tin snips, cut in a straight line away from the bottom on both sides.

Punch or drill a 1/4" hole near the middle edge of the bottom.

Smooth the sharp edges with a file.

Take the cap screw off your lantern, fit the reflector over the screw and replace the nut. now you can

direct 100% of your light where you need it.

Bug lantern:

drill 2 1/4" holes about an inch apart near the side of the can vertically.

Match the holes up to some 8" strap and drill a nail hole so you can hang it up.

Drill a 1/8" hole midway in the bottom side of the can. insert a 1"X1/8" wood screw and screw a bug candle down on it. now you have light and something to keep the noseeums off of you in your cabin.

Road stove.

Pop 3-4 holes in the bottom sides of the can.

Get a chunk of cinder-block that fits nicely in the bottom of the can and soak it in an ounce of kerosene or diesel fuel and light it.[THIS SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE DONE OUT DOORS!]it will burn about half an hour and be hot enough to boil water or warm your hands by. stinks however. you can use plain rubbing alcohol if the smell bothers you.

Bail bucket.

Drill a 1/4"hole in either side of the can.

Straighten out a coat hanger and attach it like any other bucket.10" of para cord works nice too.

Pickled hot dogs or sausages:

Back about Xmas, the local bulk/surplus place had a special on ball park style hot dogs and grill style polish sausages. me being a good nephew I bought 20 pounds of the crap to share with my aunt and uncle. woe unto me however, she was going in about the time I was leaving, my freezer was already full from the roast beef and cheddar bricks deals from the last time so what to do? Take advantage of the brown vinegar sale at wally land and use up some of my bulk spices that are getting a bit old!

You need:

Three one gallon pickle jars

2+ gallons of brown vinegar

1 fist sized red onion.

6 oz of minced garlic

a handful of ground Cyan pepper.

1/4 cup of non iodide salt or canning salt.

a three gallon pressure cooker.

Fill the pressure cooker with the vinegar, diced fine onion, the jar of garlic, red pepper and half your salt and bring to a boil and add your sausages or hot dogs and reduce the heat to a simmer for 10-15 minutes. then using tongs, put 1/3 of your meat in a jar and repeat until all of it is divided between the three jars. stir the vinegar broth well and divide it up between the jars making sure the spices are divided fairly evenly. then taste test the pickle broth. if it's too salty forget the rest of the salt, if you barely taste it divide it between the jars and fill the rest of the room up with more vinegar. cap and allow to cool and place in the back of the refrigerator two weeks. mark one jar as test. in two weeks open up test and sample the product. it should be pickled all the way through and have a somewhat darker color. if not give it another week.

Great T.V snacks!

Dinner for the broke:

1 box of el cheapo macaroni 35 cents.

1 can of wolf or store brand chili.

Boil and rinse the macaroni and add the chili but do not rinse the can!

Bring to a simmer and add onion and the cheese packet.

feeds 4.two if you're a hog.

Ramen delight:

Bring two cups of water to a rolling boil and add the spice packet, one spoonful of minced garlic and a shot of hot sauce or ground red pepper seeds. take two eggs and mix in a bowl and slowly add to the

boiling broth and boil until stringy and add the noodles on top, cover and remove from heat.let stand for ten minutes. now you have egg drop soup and ramen. its yummy!

multiculture wraps:

Slice a 10" section of polish sausage into strips and slow fry until brown,place in a multi grain tortilla and cover with mozzarella cheese and a scoop of spaghetti sauce and bake until the cheese melts. yummy and easy.

Yankee taco:

Bake several hot dogs in foil until brown and add Velveeta cheese, wrap in a flour tortilla and bake until the outer shell is crispy. T.V food!

Mommy hates me:

In a large baking pan put 4 flour tortillas and smear with spaghetti sauce.

Add shredded mozzarella cheese, diced bell pepper and onion and divide up a package of pepperoni between the four and bake until the cheese melts. its like a thin crust personal pizza.

Campfire cooking

[No name]Tostada spread:

In an iron pan brown 1 Lb. of ground beef or venison. remove all grease and continue until lightly seared[Also works with strip steak well].

Mix in 3 diced green onions and 3 teaspoons of Jalapeno relish or finely diced green chilies.

blend is one full cup of lemon juice and let chill.serve with sour cream and tostadas.[or Doritos multi-grain scoops.]

Mississippi catfish soup.

In a gallon of water cook:

1 cup diced celery.

1 cup diced carrots.

1 cup diced red onions.

3 medium red potatoes, diced or cubed.

3+red Chili peppers.

When the potatoes are about half done add 1 cup of brown rice and a teaspoon each of chicken bullion and crab boil. when the rice is half done add 1/2 pound of catfish nuggets and 1/2 pound of shelled shrimp. salt and pepper to taste once done and serve with grilled Texas toast garlic bread.

Texas toast garlic bread:

In an iron skillet, melt 2 teaspoons of butter.

add 1 teaspoon of minced garlic.

1 teaspoon generic Italian seasonings.

a dash of salt.

Brown each side of the bread in the mixture.

Dutch oven time.

Broil 4 links of diced Kielbasa in a dutch oven in lard.

remove and in the grease stir fry two-three cups of boiled brown rice and lightly sear.

Add a finely chopped onion, 4 diced Jalapeno peppers, 1 can of drained, diced tomatoes and a 1/2 cup of mushrooms. simmer for 5 minutes stirring often and add a large can of spaghetti sauce and the sausages, cut into bite size chunks, simmer 15 minutes on low heat and serve with Texas garlic toast. may require salting to taste.

Nannerz

Cut a banana length-wise and fry in butter, lightly dust with brown sugar and brown to taste. goes great with the next dish:

Yams

Quarter 3 yams like you were going to make ranch fries and deep fry in butter flavored lard, smother in marshmallow whip and chocolate sprinkles.

Salsa chicken with rice:

Cook strips of chicken to a golden brown and immerse in equal parts spicy salsa and V-8 spicy and let marinate over night.

Spoon over brown rice and peppers [or vegetable medley] and serve as tortillas or wraps

Two brick trout:

.you need a wood stove set to bank for the night, a BIG fry pan with cover, and two bricks.

Works good on sea bass and other game fish, have yet to try catfish. anybody brave?

gutted and cleaned fish, as many as you need.

Inside the fish place:

1 green onion, 4-5 lemon wedges, lemon pepper and basil fresh or flakes.

Individually wrap each fish in foil and perforate evenly with a fork.

Lay them out in the pan on top of the bricks or wire rack if you have one.

Mix an even amount of beer and lemon juice until you can have a half inch in the pan.

cover and go to bed/work.

Serve with dirty rice and home fries.

Seattle "Day bread"AKA Mary Lynn's woods lunch.

In an iron skillet, fry a pound of bacon until crisp. remove 1/2 of the grease.

Mix together in a bowl:

two cups of yellow corn meal.

1 cup "Bisquick" or other pancake mix.

1 teaspoon baking soda.

1 cup of potato flakes or ideally, last night's left over taters.

4 eggs.

4 diced green onions.

Crumble in the bacon and add some of the grease.

Stir in buttermilk until smooth.

For a bit of zest, when they are about to turn, add shredded cheese and peppers and add a spoonful of batter on top to cover and flip them.

Serve deep in the woods with a cold beer wrapped in a bandanna.

Dinner for tonight:

two polish sausages slowly steamed in sauerkraut with potatoes and carrots, a spoonful of minced garlic and one more of jalapeno relish. add half a beer when almost boiled dry.

Stump juice.

You CAN make it in any kettle.

In a gallon of boiling water add

1/2 cup of instant coffee. remove from heat.

1/2 cup of chocolate milk mix.

1/4 cup of creamer.

2 packages of orange Emergen-C or one pouch of orange kool aid.

Serve cold, either by itself or with a shot of spiced rum.

[b]Bore cleaner recipes:[/b]

Why pay 7\$ for bore cleaner when kerosene is the same thing?

I made this discovery once while in the boonies and discovered I had forgot my Hoppes and I'd just put 300+ rounds of Chi com corrosive .308 through my FAL. it has no chrome bore and the thought of all that ammonia ammo rotting the guts out of my baby sent me into fits! then as I was filling my kerosene heater it dawned on me:

"this stuff smells like GI bore cleaner!"

It was quite a bit thinner, so I added a few drops of 40 wt oil and proceeded to scrub the bore of my pet rifle, over the next two days I observed the bore of my pet for any tell tale signs of "cartridge cancer" I got a spot or two on the face of the bolt but the bore remained shiny as a new nickel!! I took the bolt out when I cleaned it obviously.

I tested it again with a Mosin Nagant carbine and some utterly hideous cold war era blasting ammo with the same results, so get out there and shoot up that junk ammo and save the good stuff for hard times!

Wonder if it works on Black powder and Pydorex?

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I didn't discover this one, wish I knew who did.

1 quart Dexron ATF

1 quart K1 odorless Kerosene

1 quart odorless cheap clear paint thinner

Mix together, label container. Use to pre-clean any part of a firearm before you use your expensive name brand stuff, if you like. Use lots, use it often, wipe it off thoroughly. I use empty plastic bottles that fuel injector cleaner and fuel line antifreeze come in. Recommend to NEVER use a bottle that anything to drink came in.

Lube

8 oz Dexron ATF

2 oz K1 odorless Kerosene

Mix, store in same type container. With label. Use sparingly.

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Gun Cleaning Solvent: Ed's Red (Can be found on an Internet search)

1 Quart K1 Kerosene The extra clean kind for indoor use.

1 Quart Mineral Spirits

1 Quart Dextron III automatic transmission fluid

Mix and store in a 1 Gallon Gas Can correctly labeled.

Walking stick self defense:

I'm disabled. Hi. I use a cane to walk with, but not just ANY cane will do for me, I'm a tall guy and 99% of the stuff at the medical store forces me to stoop just a bit too far over for my own good, so being a hillbilly, I made my own out of a pressure treated post hole digger handle made of ash, flame kissed the wood to give it a permanent stain, buffed and lacquered it, and because I'm artsy-crafty, I put

a big stainless steel knob on the end secured with gorilla glue and a 4" X 3/4 wood bolt and buffed it like a mirror, I then trimmed it exactly to the height my fried lumbar requires for comfort and put a rubber pad on it cut from a truck tire. not a finer looking gentleman's cane in the whole town, two pimps have told me so LOL!

Anyway, there I was minding my own business getting the mail when out of nowhere these two mutts come out of the wood line and start acting aggressive, guess who went elsewhere quickly after a love tap in the ribs?

It occurs this thing is almost exactly like a full sized riot baton and any training on how to use one [whiskey dance? LOL]would give me a formidable weapon I can even carry into the court house once they make sure it doesn't have a blade concealed in it!

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A BOB from yesteryear!

Default Great gran'pappy's BOB.

Kind of a tribute to the two old guys who learned a wet behind the ears, snotty nosed kid some field

craft. these two old dudes did pretty much the same things with VERY different kits. everybody ready for some turn of the last century buggin out?

Ben's bag:

Ben used a canvas shoulder bag from either Herter's or Cabellas. he was pretty much the hunter of the two. I took my idea of a mini bug out kit from him and started using a Vietnam era medic pouch when I was about 16.

in his bag he kept:

A Ronson hand warmer, fuel and flints.

Zippo.

K-bar folding knife, lock blade.

8X10' oilskin.

Army blanket.

Squirrel pin.

100' of cotton staging twine.

BIG catfish hooks.

WWII mess tin.

Hatchet.

Fishing line, sinkers and brim hooks.

S@W 22 revolver 100 rounds of ammo.

a box of 20 gauge ammo for his "musket"

a bottle of shine/bourbon.

Roscoe Had a much different kit:

He liked to use a grass "poke" sack.

8" frying pan or Dutch oven with lid.

Pint of lard.

Bag of pinto beans.

Salt pepper flour and corn meal.

6" light skinner/paring knife.

onions and taters.

Slingshot.

22 single shot and a match tin of bullets.

Cotton twine, fishhooks and home made sinkers.

Quart of shine.

Corn cob pipe and "bakker"

Sawed off axe.

Sleeping bag.

As you can probably tell from what each of these old mountain men carried, they had very distinct and

different visits to the woods in mind. one went with the idea of living off the wild lightly while using

food brought with him, the other went with plans to stay a while but move light. Hope this gives

everyone ideas.

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The 5 minutes after kit:

Earthquake, super storm, terrorism:

Forget the huge gun collection and months of freeze dried grub, you're going to need ALL this within 5

minutes of a local SHTF:

A wrench[combo tool etc.]that shuts off your water, natural gas and electricity.

Medium sized medical kit[Please add feminine needs and diapers if you have a young family!]

Several quality tarps for any holes in your roof or missing windows in your car.

Small propane stove.

High powered flashlights, a quality radio and batteries and or means to recharge them.

Dry clothing and blankets.

Soup, coffee, dry milk and at least a week's worth of drinkable water.

Manual can opener.

Crowbar[s] hammer and nails.

At least a week's worth of sealed food that requires no water or cooling.

Several rolls of Duct tape, plastic sheeting and foam crack sealer.

Clean 5 gallon pails and water jugs.

A case of Toilet paper, trash bags and an old toilet lid to be used on a bucket for..you know. and some

lime to kill the smell!

Here you go, run with it!

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Default Tomato pie.

In a quart stew pot boil down 3/4 capacity of diced tomatoes or an equal amount of pureed tomatoes.

Add 2 tbsp of basil.

2 tbsp salt.

1 tbsp thyme

1/4 tablespoon of sage

2[your call!]tablespoons black pepper.

1/4 tablespoon red pepper.

Simmer down unto about 2/3rds consistency and thicken with white corn meal

or whole wheat flour[the flour sticks easier in the pan so watch the heat!]

In a large skillet, make a thin cornbread crust, spoon in the contents of the stew pot and cover with your favorite pie crust or another layer of cornbread.

Bake until brown and serve with real butter as a side for chicken or pork.

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A trick from a hick.

Anybody besides me use gallon pickle jars or those bell jars to keep your dry goods in?[beans, rice, meal etc.]Ever notice how ever so often little tiny bugs things get in there and wreck your stuff? I fixed that, and its simple:

Dab your finger in some fresh cooking oil and rub around the outside rim of the jar,next rub some on the inside rim of the lid, screw down like always. repeat every time you use the jar. I have grits and flour going on a year old and no webs yet!

Might even work on long term storage.

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E-prepping for hack attack or EMP. an article.

No pix, doesn't need them.

ALL MY DATA IS FRIED! TEN YEARS OF MEMORIES ARE GONE!

You know that sucks when that happens. here's how you make it not hurt so bad:

[1]Buy a good quality TB+ sized EXTERNAL H.D.

[2]Do a secondary install of your favorite anti-virus/spyware killer on it in case it has to change computers.

[3]Inside this drive, create several encrypted folders and a copy of the software used to create/deencrypt

them. name these folders/files movies, pix docs etc so you don't have to go hunting all over for your stuff.

[4]Now we get to the REAL "secret squirrel" stuff.

Do you have a Faraday cage? you should. NEVER leave this drive attached to your computer any longer than it takes to back up your files or copy them. its fine to have those files elsewhere, remember this is JUST a backup. once you're done backing up stuff, take the drive and slip into into a 50 cal, foam lined ammo can with an oxygen eater and desiccant pack and slide it into your Faraday cage.

P.S

this also help keep snoopers from seeing your warzed programs, porn, bomb making PDFs game hax and drug how to read me's etc.

be sure to back up your programs on DVD quality disc as well, but they're EMP proof I THINK!

Having done that, lets protect your rig too!

Here's some FREE stuff to get you by, but ONLY get you by.

Spybot S.D:

it kills spyware, is open sourced, and what it don't get today, it will tomorrow because its updated daily!

Clamwin antivirus:

It's free and fairly decent, it too is open sourced.

AVG free:Slightly better than clamwin and you can choose your upgrades when you buy.

A Firewall. I used to swear by Zone Alarm, there are better ones out there now but its still damn good! I hear they also have an antivirus.

Now for folks with money:

Kapersky for all needs. if the government uses it, it must be pretty good!

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Got poop?

I haven't seen this covered in a thread of it's own yet so let's do that:

Scenario:

You're shut in your home by riots, a blizzard, fallout, whatever. water's off, not coming back for a long time, You can't cross your legs for 6 months!

Fear not, Magus has your relief right here! you need:

5 or 10 gallon plastic bucket and a lid.

Solid wooden toilet seat modified to fit flush over the bucket[remove the lid or it falls off.]

Plastic Trash bags.

1 large bungee cord.

Kitty litter. to absorb #1.

At least one 50 Lb bag of quick lime and a soup can to dip it with. to cover #2 and keep flies down.

{In case you're from Mars, #1 is pee #2 is poo. nuff said?}

A gallon sprayer bottle full of your favorite disinfectant.

A few cases of toilet paper.

To begin, line the bucket with the trash bag and scoop in one can of cat litter.

Place the seat over the bucket and put the bungee cord around the rim of the bucket to hold the bag in

place.

After you're done your duty, sprinkle the quick lime over the remains, give it a shot of disinfectant and

put the lid over the can.a set up like this ideally is emptied once every day for a family and once every

day or two for a loner but it can be made to last a week if emptying it might be worse than dealing with

poo smell.

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Prepping for the Zombie holocaust 101

Prepping for an impossible event is retarded, get over it.

Prepping for an actual plague like Black death or some super flu, not so much!

Nobody's discussing Plague or even Influenza outbreak much so let's do so:

Scenario: Half your home town is dead or sick and you've heard the army is closing the road "To prevent looters" in three days. what do you do?

GET THE HELL OUT OF THERE MAN! YOU'RE IN A TRIAGE ZONE! that means nobody in or out until everyone is dead or the plague has run it's course! grab everything you have near and dear and

all you need to survive from your home[screw the store, you want to take one last chance at being infected?]

Pack up and just go! go see grandma, your brother next town over, preferably to a retreat already stocked and ready! DO NOT go to a FEMA camp no matter how benign it sounds! first thing they'll do is confiscate your weapons, plow through your personal stuff and fumigate hell out of everything go camping somewhere ISOLATED! and stay put until order is restored.

Decontamination:

Bleach and alcohol do a good job of this, so does a heavy mix of Betadine in water, but that stuff is expensive so I'd save it for a small hand sprayer for decontaminating your hands and small surfaces. use the bleach in a garden sprayer, it's cheap and a 50/50 mix will even kill AIDS!keep loads of hand wipes, rubber gloves and several NBC rated respirators and filters in your kit,also a cheap plastic shop face shield for any splatters that might happen. ALSO those crappy 2\$ rain ponchos do a fine job of keeping contaminated fluids off of you, a new Military poncho even better! OH,and don't forget the heavy duty chemical handler's gloves![the local industrial supply has them]they're even better than Military MOP gloves.

Now then. grab your antibiotics, your blow torches, and surgical masks and add it to your other supply kits, plague prep is fairly inexpensive and if its on your mind, I say do it!

P.S

Keep a ten gallon bucket of bleach outside your safe area, you can dunk your contaminated canned goods in it and clean them.

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The "Decade" tent. how to, step by step.

Tired of those silly, paper thin pieces of China made crap that fall apart after two years. THIS tent will last a DECADE out in the weather if you keep the water treatment on it. the one I'm posting makes a tipi, BUT with skill and a heavy duty sewing machine the sky is the limit!

Materials:

One heavy duty sewing machine. use polyester or Nylon thread.

Heavy cotton duck, big enough for your project.

a grommet kit.

DOUBLE Sew the edges first, roll them over enough to insert a pole if you intend to use old poles.

Sharpen the die up and put a heavy board under it and pop a hole in each corner and one in the middle of the edges.

Pop your grommet through the hole and before you seat it, put some rubber cement around it, work it into the cloth, and seat your ring.

Repeat.

Hang your new tarp/tent between two trees or over a heavy clothes line and coat with Thompson's water seal, one heavy, one light. then once dry, over-spray with two cans of dry food-grade silicone and

let dry well. you MIGHT have to retouch the seam where it hung over a clothes line, no big deal.

Now the tricky part, take 6 10" bungee cords and crimp one end into each eye using a vice.

An 8'X10' makes a nice lean to or tipi, or a bike cover.

Into your pack with it, place two white carpenter's crayons, if you ever spring a leak, just heat the end of one and dab the drip area. if you keep the water seal on it ever couple of years your grand kids will end up with it!

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Newbie kit.

I'll get a firestorm for this as everyone has their own way of doing things and there's people here smarter than me even after studying since the 80's. this is only a starting place for a n00b, maybe save some time and or money. critiques are welcome.

Shelter:

It's a given that the world is nuts, Man's never mad a bomb he's never dropped either, so one must have

a shelter capable of surviving a few weeks hard radiation. and before the long whistle starts at the cost, said shelter also makes a fine root cellar/storm shelter. nobody HAS to know about the air filters and radiation suits, in fact it's best nobody did!

Retreat:

It's a good idea that cabin in the woods has a shelter as well, just in case you're driven there or go there of your own free will. and think how much money you'll save on Disney world and beaches taking everyone to the woods a few times a year.

Food:

Keep the canned stuff at home and use it to supplement your dehydrated stocks, keep the retreat food exclusively dehydrated WITH the ability to grow gardens/hunt to supplement it. Make sure it's stored where rats and bugs can't eat it before you do!

Guns:

Here's your big glitch, because everyone has favorites. these are mine and they work:

I used to favor heavy caliber weapons such as FN-FALs and M-1As but health and age and a few accidents changed that to AR-15s and AKs so WHATEVER you chose make sure it meets these criteria:

Accurate as in at least 2 MOA.

Durable. if it breaks after 5000 rounds it's trash.

Repairable and by YOU!

Reliable. more than one jam every 100 rounds is unforgivable.

4 gun list and alternatives.

Fighting Rifle[s] I'd go for the FN FAL or M-1A but not everyone can handle the recoil so an AR-15 or AK system is acceptable, just be aware that 7.62X39 ammo will dry up FAST so store a LOT! The FAL and M-1A use ammo common to American military LMGs like the M-60 and sniper rifles, it'll be out there, just not in great quantity. another plus is the 7.62X51[.308] is a nice hunting round! so if you have an especially accurate one of these rifles, scope it and save yourself the price of a hunting rifle.

If you go the AR route, every NATO and American soldier carries 250+ rounds of 5.56X45 ammo on him not to mention most use rifles that share at least partial parts commonality with your AR.

Hunting Rifles[s]Meh. I use a WW2 Mauser and a Savage Weather warrior. everyone has a favorite, as long as it meets the same criteria as the fighting rifle you're good to go. store at least 500 rounds with it and be sure to supplement it with a 22 or have a 22 conversion for your AR. I've gone both routes. to me having an extra rifle more meets my preferences. I'd go Ruger 10/22 or Marlin. both have advantages over the other. feel them out and see who you love. I'd go Ruger myself, loads of accessories and large magazines but if you're an extra good shot the Marlin eats it's lunch as far as accuracy goes.

Shotgun[s]I'm not a duck hunter, get a Remington 870 and dress it to your needs as its extremely customizable like the 10/22 and durable as a brick.10\$ worth of spare parts ought to keep one going forever. BUT if you want something Lighter and ready to go as a pure combat shotgun. Mossberg 500 is the path to tread! just pop on a side saddle and go!

Third would be a Winchester 1200. they're fine weapons, my dad loved them but they don't feel "right" to me and good luck fixing one!

Pistol[s]:There's so many to chose from these days, I haven't had my hands on half of them! but what I have had my hands on I can assure you you'll do well with. that being a slightly altered 1911 with extended safety and slide release, a Browning Hi power with the same additions, or a Glock 18 with a WOLF kit.

Hunting Pistol[because you'll thank me later]Ruger single or double action,357 44 Mag or 45 LC.

Medical Supplies:

Boo boo's happen, sometimes you bleed to death from them or get gangrene. START with an EMT grade ambulance kit and make it grow!

Tools:

Basically every tool you know how to use and then buy three and make sure they are quality goods and not Tiwantium crap. learn to use and read measuring tools such as Micrometers and calipers too! the more you can do for yourself, the more you can charge others for doing it for them!

Bug out Mobile:

I don't really care what you get, I've had a bunch. as long as it's reliable and you can fix it without waiting a month for parts it's good to go! be aware Gasoline doesn't last as long as it did however. you might want to look into bio diesel and converting something over.

Well...that's it. my opinions on what stuff you need to start with, everyone else has an opinion too, so listen to the replies and make your own judgments but just remember THIS is a starting point!

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rust buster!

How to make your own naval jelly to dissolve rust.

1/4 cup of petroleum jelly like Vaseline.

1/8th cup of mineral oil.

Melt the petroleum jelly in a double boiler to a liquid state and add the mineral oil. stir for one minute and place in a bowl of ice water, continue to stir until it gets milky again. let sit at room temperature.

This stuff is great for removing "pea rust" spots from guns and loosening screws you can't afford to twist off. to remove surface rust, smear on, wait over night and buff off with 000 steel wool.

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River grub.

Camp food.

Bring your water to boil, add butter or two tablespoons of bacon grease and stir in 3 beaten eggs and stir for one minute.

add 1 spoonful each of diced jalapeno pepper and finely chopped onion.

boil one more minute, stirring a bit more. take to a simmer and

add grits, stir well until the grits start to fwop, remove from heat and add shredded American cheese and stir well, let sit 5 minutes, stir again and serve with bacon and Tennessee style redeye gravy.

Tennessee style redeye gravy is made by browning half coarse corn meal and flour in a skillet and using yesterday's/last night's coffee, after its thick, add a teaspoon of black pepper and salt to taste, great over fried taters!

Roscoe's Navy bean soup

Boil navy beans in equal portions of water and rot gut beer[beer removes the farts]add 2 finely diced red onions and 3 potatoes[skin on]and a 1/4 pound salted hog jowl and a diced red pepper, when the beans are half done add a handful of brown rice and bring to a simmer. keep adding beer around the edges to keep it soupy until done. serve over river pan bread.

River pan bread.

Mix your cornmeal as normal, but a bit dry, add a can of creamed corn to make up the moisture and a couple of green onions, fry in bacon grease like a fritter.

Fried mushies.

In two cups of boiling water add one cup of coarse corn meal until thick and let sit overnight. in the morning fry like a pan fritter in bacon grease.

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Default Remember the old "tube coolers"?

I found one in my junk and decided to put a few cold ones in it for a short hike, Hmm..won't need a 6 pack, but I might get hungry..HEY! this thing will hold 2 cans each of beanie weenies and Vienna sausages, couple of packs of Doritos snack crackers, pouch of sardines, a pack of fun sized candy bars...how much can I cram in this thing anyway? all said and done, looks like I ended up with a two day food supply I could just step out the door with! so if you have one of these Teladega races gimmicks just lying around, why not cram it full of goodies and have a grab n git picnic?

Looks like they still make them too!

<http://www.soccersavings.com/customer/category/product.jsp?>

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Biohazard boogie bag!

So I noticed something last night, a hand sprayer will fit right on top of a bottle of alcohol, standard threads?[trim the straw.]

Anyway, it grew from me filling one bottle to the idea to take my RONSSURPLUS m-16 mag 6 pack and slipping that bottle in there because...hell, it LOOKED like it needed to go there, then came a bottle of bleach and then some disinfectant, a pair of heavy duty rubber gloves and lo and behold, an outbreak

bag for literally pennies! all it needs is some wrap around safety glasses and Doctor's mask and maybe a can of insect repellent, all pouched up and ready to grab n git!

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Altoids can heater.

Also works with shoe polish cans or any small tin with a lid really.

[1]Eat the Altoids and get the free tin.

[2]Cut 6" of 100% cotton cord[braided] and twist about 3" of light wire around the "wick" end and position it standing straight up in the middle of the tin.

[3]Now the tricky part:

Melt 1/8th of a cup paraffin in a tuna can and soak the wick, then mix the remaining paraffin with very dry sawdust and allow to cool until it is the consistency of pudding. spoon it into the Altoids tin and smooth it down, making sure the wick is sticking up through the mixture.

and allow to cool. trim off the excess close the box and seal the edges with duct tape.

Now you have a half hour+ heat source, light source, or fire starter.and when you're done, snuff it by closing the lid. great for ice fishermen or longhunters.

I have heard you can use Petroleum jelly instead of wax, but that stuff melts too easy and gunks up your gear. probably get away with it up north though.

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And the SHTF!

Right now, three seconds ago there was an "EVENT". how long are you good for?

Deep well, check.

Guns and ammo, check.

Hand tools and honed skills, check.

Food supply.4 weeks tops, can hunt if possible.

Silver supply, check.

Medical supplies, good for anything but surgery. check.

Power supply. LED lights in every room and supply of batteries. check!

BOV...er umm..Honda civic, it gets great mileage. umm..hmmmm..

BOL.Are you kidding me?

Gas masks and protective gear. yup.

Dog.yup.

Cats.Yup

Crazed, glassy eyed followers who live for this crap. check.

Zombie repellent. check.

Bug poison...oh well, I know the mushrooms to use.

SO...how long you good for before you have to go hunting?

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A BASIC GHB for urban areas. This kit presumes you can fill in little things like flashlights, multi tools, yaddablabla..I don't want to hear: "WHERE IS THE..."

Just post the ad dons, save a noob the trouble.

Links for your enjoyment and inspiration!

<http://www.bulkbeefjerky.com/>

<http://www.grandmascountryfoods.com/CountryCreamPowderedMilk/>

<http://www.minimus.biz/Kelloggs-Special-K-Cereal-bowl-F25-2509101-5100.aspx>

<http://www.amazon.com/Planters-Eighteen-Healthy-Pistachios-Hazelnuts/dp/B001GSFDIO>

<http://www.mdlzarabia.com/pages/tang.aspx#!prettyPhoto/0/>

<http://www.crownprince.com/cp-pouch-sardines.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Makarov_pistol

<http://www.slickguns.com/product/hornady-zombie-max-380-acp-auto-90-grain-z-max-1799>

<http://www.rei.com/product/830745/katadyn-hiker-pro-water-filter>

<http://www.kabar.com/knives/detail/26>

<http://www.galaxyarmynavy.com/military-canteens-bladders-p-171.asp>

<http://www.adventuremedicalkits.com/product.php?product=274#>

And it gets crammed into THIS:

<http://www.armysurplusworld.com/product.asp?productID=6838>

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Expediant "yote" killing arrows.

Remember, if you're using a recurve bow, do NOT split the shaft, it won't explode into tiny, life taking shards of wood.

1 you need a steel casing from a 7.62X39 or 7.62X54, a 5.45 MIGHT work.

2 a 1/4" dowel rod.

3 Duct tape.

4 gorilla glue.

5 a Dremel tool or hacksaw and a file.

These are one use arrows, cheap to make and when fired from a compound bow, very nasty and deadly

on coyotes!

A: Split the dowel long ways twice and about halfway down, then Wrap the dowel rod with paper tape until it just fits into the casing.

B: Rinse out casing with water and add gorilla glue, inset shaft and allow to dry.

C: Once dry, remove the case rim with a hacksaw and pound flat. then using the hacksaw or dremel, put a nice wicked point on it.

D: Cut a 7" piece of your favorite duck tape and using a sharpened case mouth, cut a hole dead center

of the tape and insert the shaft of the arrow 1" through.

E: Fold over the tape as neatly as possible and trim like an arrow fletching. you CAN get all fancy and repeat for 4 "feathers" but I haven't found the need.

F: cut a suitable string notch in your new arrow.

Go give them mud dogs hell! You will notice that upon hitting a target, the arrow explodes into deadly toothpicks, even more effective if you coat the upper part of the arrow with Nicotine Sulfate that has been rendered down and made stronger. USE GLOVES, it can poison YOU through your skin.

At no time should you use these arrows for defense as it would mean a horrible, messy death

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Stupid things that will kill you after SHTF.

Dressing like Rambo/Mad Max/other movie bad@sses.

I see you coming down my street wearing a M-60 belt, banana, and a leather jacket with one sleeve missing and football pads, *BOOOOOM!* you meet Mr. AT&T 300 magnum.

Walking around with lots of guns/exotic weapons/knives and acting like you're god's gift to the apocalypse.

No stupid, you look like a threat. *BOOOOOM!* see above.

Bragging about your bunker to your buddies...

Who told their wives/girl friends/other buddies... Thanks for the free stuff..DUMMY!

Cooking outdoors in plain sight of everyone after the balloon goes up.

"How about some grub neighbor? there's 50 of us armed and with hungry kids and your AR tacticool only holds 30 rounds."

Looking well fed and happy.

Yeah Bubba, we're following you home. you got a cute wife and daughter?

Putting those empty food cans where they can be found.

Might as well ring a dinner bell.

Trying to be a hero.

Not hurting you, not your problem. If it's family or a bro, yeah. but not some stranger.

Thinking some book told you all you need to know.

Nope. now you read it, go try it!

Over prepping.

Yep. now I got all this stuff I can't just bug out and leave it! Then the flood/fire/plague/U.N gets there and what good will it do your corpse?

Under prepping.

Duh, obviously.

I'm sure there's more but there's beer to drink and smarter members than me to fill in the holes

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Building the perfect bug out rifle.

I had two ways to go here, but a Thompson contender would only be single shot

and I figured why not the AR platform? I had this planned for next spring but we might not get there so

I figured why not share?

I'm far from a Guru, so anybody feel free to chime in or correct me if I'm wrong on a detail:

Beginning with a carbon fiber lower, you will save 150\$ AND a pound of weight.

Install a Brownells drop in match trigger kit.

A2 upper please. I know the flat tops are all the rage and would save 1/2 a pound but I hate the sight radius, and besides, this is NOT a tactical weapon.

I like the C.A.R config in stainless steel but standard non-chromed is fine, you could even go with an M-4 profile and save more weight, but I'm me and I like the medium weight barrel, non chromed 4140, as I said: NOT a tac gun. it needs it's accuracy.

Mount it up with a decent, medium power scope, its not designed as a sniper rifle either.

Please dear gods, don't put a f**king rail system on it! it's NOT a tac rifle! a bipod and or a flashlight is fine. you can hunt at night. hillbillies have hunted raccoon, possums and jacked deer at night since the week the flashlight was invented. Sue me, I stuck a 3" V grip on mine.

A high performance nitrided or chrome bolt and carrier group.

Don't put a silly ass folding stock on it either, it rattles and takes too much time to deploy and isn't stable, a lightweight skeleton or short stock is fine however.

Stick to the mags your creation likes, forget the flavor of the day. if it likes surplus aluminum, don't go nuts on synthetics!

Invest in a quality 22LR conversion kit and 1000 rounds of quality high velocity ammo.

zero in with what you will likely use, such as Black hills SP varmint loads, then mark your scope in red paint, then zero in with the next choice and mark it in some other color, if they hit pretty close,

BONUS!

Chose a muzzle device geared more toward recoil control than flash suppression, that second shot might mean the difference in eating or starving a week.

Coat the barrel and recoil brake in ceramic motor paint, mask off the gas tube.

Choosing the 2nd upper:

Get something capable of taking large game like 7.62X39 or 6.5 and mark the magazines that go with it accordingly. a blast of OD green on the floor plates should do nicely. please ignore the pistol calibers, this is NOT a fighting weapon! the only reason you need a pistol caliber upper is to increase utility as a defense gun, but that is NOT the intent or purpose of this weapon although I must admit, an upper in 10MM would make a nice pig gun!

This is designed as an attempt to make one weapon do multiple tasks, as I said, I am NOT a guru and I prefer an AK, BUT an AK can not be tailored to meet as many needs as at AR platform.if you have any ideas in saving weight or expanding utility, please chime in

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Ideas for the new preppers.

So I just got my new BOB from RONSURPLUS and I'm taking the stuff back to my "Lair" box is too

heavy/bulky for my crippled butt to navigate that narrow hall.[needed some place for the book shelves.]
and I'm packing the small stuff back in a 5 gallon bucket. nature took its course and I had an idea.

THE BAIL OUT BUCKET!

Suppose you have no room in your vehicle or even NO vehicle, where to put a GHB/BOB? how about under your desk or office closet? in the corner of your work area. just make sure your name is on it and nobody's going to pilfer it to mop the floor. a bucket with a screw on lid is best, but in the end if someone wants to peek, they will. anyway, 5 gallon bucket..you can get a LOT of goodies in this space like:

4 MREs

a 6 pack of bottled water.

Go bars and Gatorade pouches.

A poncho.

A RONSSURPLUS [OMG what a great bargain!] med kit.

A 1" adjustable wrench.

A Nebo tactical light and batteries.

A package of "drop cloth" plastic for a fast shelter if needed.

A spool of 40 lb test twine.

2 space blankets.

A Leatherman or other combo tool.

A hunting knife.

A fanny pack with assorted goodness.

A Titanium combo tool [looking for one, steel= weight]

A 22 pistol and 100 rounds of ammo.[CLEAR IT WITH YOUR BOSS!]

More room!

The beauty of this thing is other than its easy to pack is, its a damn bucket! nobody will give you a second look carrying a frumpy old bucket! a backpack, especially a military one screams "I GOT SOMETHING TO STEAL!"

Grey man to the 9th gets ya home in one piece!

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In praise of the "useless" 410

Hi, I been in here a while, you know I don't post about stuff I don't know, I'm not an armchair ANYTHING!

Today I'm here to fill you in on what the tacticools and ramboids sneer at, the lowly 410 shotgun!

My first one was a Savage/Stevens, one of the last American made ones. still choked so tight a 45 cal slug won't slip through the bore! using simple dove shot, this cheap little working class pop-gun has killed hundreds of black birds, several egg sucking dogs, 5-10- raccoons, more possums than I can count and probably 2-300 squirrels not to mention a tater sack full of snakes. most of my kills were at 75 feet (the blackbirds/dogs)and likewise for the squirrels and rabbits. now listen close, have you ever bit into a deep fried rabbit and had a tooth break out because you missed a hunk of lead? sucks huh? with the 410 you get fine accuracy, small game stopping power, and less lead to deal with after you process it!

Did I mention it won't kick hell out of you? your kids can shoot it all day long and not suffer a beating, so can older or disabled users.

Oh, and 50 rounds weigh as much as 25 rounds of 12 ga..

Now I'm going to say bull sh1t, never mind it's true. I invented the ghost ring sight! I epoxied a small eye ring off an old fishing rod into that slot they expected us to use as a rear sight and never looked back, it'll take dove on the wing out to 30 yards easy!

Now to my "customized" pet.

I call it the "meat maker" it started as a stainless steel snake charmer, I had an old Cherokee gunsmith end choke it and slap on a 22 rifle sight, I can keep my pattern inside a dinner plate at 50 feet!

OBVIOUSLY it will NEVER be used with slugs and I've been tempted to add a dot scope. it resides in a pistol holster on my hip, screw the sling. LOL

My ideal hunting 410 would have an 18" barrel, slug/ghost ring sights and a bored stock for 5 rounds of extra ammo, complete with ceramic paint job and camo stock, if it shot well, it would get a holo or dot scope.

P.S

the snake charmer will shoot 45LC rat shot, the Savage will not. I think its the internal choke.

Good for snakes in the hen house/on the porch.

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Pot meat 3 gun kit for the beginners.

Three guns anyone who needs to live off the land for extended periods:

A rifle capable of taking the largest game in your area.

A 22.

A Shotgun for birds and squirrels.

Try to find a couple of Lee hand loaders for the rifle and shotgun while you're at it.

Two kits, lived with both, ON both, never a glitch:

The Trailer park kit:

A Russian Mosian Nagant can be had for about 100\$ in near mint condition, ammo is cheap as well and

approximates the USGI 7.62X51 NATO in ballistics, further south an SKS is acceptable but costlier. 7.62X39 approximates the American 30-30 in ballistics, good on white tail and hogs.

Marlin or Ruger? Rugers cost more but you can add all kinds of useful or useless things to them, how

deep is your pocket? I'd go marlin, it has an edge in accuracy and can be had for under 200\$

Single shot shotgun, if you don't intend to bird hunt or there's no ducks in your BOL, a 410 or 20 gauge is plenty. most can be had for around 100\$

The upwardly mobile kit

Any nice Savage 110 in the appropriate caliber. run you around 400\$

Upgrade to a Ruger, I won't mind.

Remington 870, get a tube and choke kit, go 12 gauge.

Now for good measure get a quality air rifle that shoots both BBs and pellets.

Just to be mean, the "elite" gun snob kit.

Savage weather warrior in 300 Winchester Magnum, slap a bi pod on it. it will take any large game in the lower 48. 800\$

Remington Marine. 12 Ga, matte chrome plated, dot scope and mag tube it! 450\$

10/22 Stainless. 300\$ get extra mags!!

Since you're rich, get a red hawk 44 magnum and scope it.

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More ways to use your "staples" and not get foundered!

Written by Christine Frazier

This is a post by Christine, Matts sister with a knack for vegan baking. Today shes bringing us something not-so-sweet but just as valuable: five twists on that old vegetarian runners standby, rice and beans.

Whether youre new to vegetarian cooking or just in a beans-&-rice rut, Ive got five quick and delicious variations to keep you fueled without breaking the bank.

A Nutritional Match Made In Heaven

The amino acids in rice and beans come together to form a complete protein, making a simple way to get both complex carbs and protein in a single vegetarian meal. Throw in fantastic versatility at pennies

per serving and youve got yourself not just the backbone of the vegetarian diet for runners, but also a universal staple food.

Learning to cook hearty vegetarian meals was a process for me. It started with just a Meatless Monday night that felt so good in my belly and my wallet that it evolved into meat just twice a week. Soon everyday was Meatless Monday!

At first I followed recipes to the letter, but soon I began to recognize patterns in regional flavor combinations. So today Im here to share the tricks I learned about escalating ho-hum healthy food into nutritious ethnic cuisine.

Ive got a standard five-ingredient framework to use for basic beans and rice, and then a five-ingredient update to represent whichever fare you desire: Indian, Mediterranean, Mexican, Asian, and even our local Baltimorean food.

Basic Beans and Rice Recipe with Five Variations

1 cup dry brown rice

1 can drained and rinsed beans, or 2 cups cooked

1 onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tbsp vegetable oil

Cook the brown rice in a rice steamer or follow the directions here. Heat up the oil in a large pan over medium-high heat and fry the onion for 5 minutes. Add the garlic and fry for an additional 5 minutes.

Stir in the beans and heat through. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with rice.

Indian Beans and Rice

indian beans and rice photo 300x225

You'll need chickpeas as the beans in the basic recipe, as well as:

1 tbsp curry powder

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1 can diced tomatoes with green chilies

a thumb-sized piece fresh ginger, minced

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Stir the curry powder and cinnamon into the chickpea and onion mixture. Fry for a minute, then add the ginger and tomatoes and their juices. Cook on medium-high heat for 5 minutes, until the tomatoes no longer taste raw. Stir the cilantro into the rice. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Feeling fancy? Serve with warm naan and a side of sliced mangoes.

Mediterranean Beans and Rice

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You'll need Great Northern White Beans in the basic recipe, as well as:

2 stalks chopped celery

1 small can (2.25 oz) black olives

juice of 1 lemon

1/3 cup fresh chopped parsley

2 tsp dry dill weed

Add the celery and olives to the bean and onion mixture and fry for a few minutes to soften. Stir in the lemon juice and parsley and heat through. Stir the dill into the rice. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Feeling fancy? Add a can of chopped artichoke hearts and serve with warm pita bread .

Mexican Beans and Rice

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You'll need Pinto Beans in the basic recipe, as well as:

2 tsp cumin

1 tsp chili powder

1 can diced tomatoes with green chilies, drained

juice of 1/2 a lime

1/4 cup fresh chopped cilantro

Stir the cumin and chili powder into the bean and onion mixture and fry for a minute to coat. Add the can of tomatoes and lime juice. Cook on medium-high heat for 5 minutes, until the tomatoes no longer taste raw. Stir the cilantro into the rice. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Feeling fancy? Serve with a side of sliced avocado and warm corn tortillas.

Asian Beans and Rice

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You'll need adzuki beans or black beans in the basic recipe, as well as:

4 medium carrots, cut into thin strips

thumb size piece fresh ginger, minced

2 tbsp reduced-sodium soy sauce

small can (11 oz) mandarin oranges, juice reserved

1/2 tsp Chinese Five Spice

Fry the carrots and ginger with the bean and onion mixture for a few minutes until the carrots are cooked but still crunchy. Stir in the soy sauce and 2 tbsp of the reserved mandarin orange juice.

Remove from heat and gently stir in mandarin orange slices. Mix the Chinese Five Spice with the Rice.

Add salt and pepper to taste.

Feeling fancy? Throw in some chopped cabbage, thinly sliced green bell pepper, and mushrooms.

Drizzle with hoisin sauce.

Baltimorean Beans and Rice

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You'll need Black-Eyed Peas as the beans in the basic recipe, as well as:

2 cups chopped kale

2 tsp cider vinegar

2 tsp vegan Worcestershire sauce

1/2 cup frozen corn, thawed

1 tsp Old Bay, or any Chesapeake-style seafood seasoning

Fry the kale with the bean and onion mixture for a few minutes until wilted. Add the cider vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, and corn, heat through. Sprinkle rice with the Old Bay seasoning. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Feeling fancy? Stir in some chopped yellow squash from the garden, and crack open an ice cold can of Natty Boh.

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Now for my favorites, notice hers are Vegan? Mine ain't.

In a gallon kettle boil 3 cups of beans about half done and add 1/4 cup of diced red onion and a smoked ham hock and 1 cup of rice, continue to cook until the ham hock is tender, serve with corn bread fritters.

Next day bean cakes.

2 cups of cooked beans[SAVE THE BROTH!]

1-3 diced green onions.

2 eggs or equivalent in powder.

1 tea spoon of baking soda.

[Some like a couple of diced peppers, some don't.]

1/4 cup oil/shortening/lard

1/4 cup potato flakes or mashed potatoes.

Stir in bean broth until its the thickness of corn bread mix.

Deep fry like a pancake, serve with cold buttermilk.

Whole corn sweet fritters.

2 cups yellow non GMO corn meal.

1 can cream style corn.

1/4 cup cane sugar.

2 eggs.

fry in butter and serve with molasses or Maple syrup.

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The survival arsenal for the non gun familiar.:

Let's look at options, not everyone can afford a top of the line Rock river or Ruger AR-15, NOR can they spend hours honing skills to deadly proficiency. Here is a list of survival weapons for the gun noob, you will find these weapons in great number in ghettos around the world, when you read, you'll understand why:

The ubiquitous AK-47:

Simple, tough, but mediocre accuracy and designed for troops with a whole three hours of training. it's

pretty much soldier proof, idiot proof, and with a coat of ceramic paint, weather proof. the best of the best will only shoot 3 MOA, but you CAN get torso hits out to 300 yards with limited practice. Ammo,

mags, "tactical stocks" and addons abound. you can figure one out right out of the box in 5 minutes, but read the damned manual anyway.

The Mossberg pump.

you have to WANT to break one of these and its almost as tough as a Remington 870, and if you don't put 100 rounds a week down the pipe for a lifetime, you'll never notice. its lighter too!

Ruger 10/22.

quality weapon you can do stupid stuff to like turn it into an assault rifle. keep it clean and it will amaze you how accurate it can be, factory 25 round mags, bazillions of folding stocks, flash hidere and other semi useless do-dads abound! I like it because scoped and with a pocket full of mags I'm out the door with a thousand rounds in my pack and even the weakest can fire one. good "last bet" gun.

Stupid assault pistols.

Look, if you're not a good shot with a regular handgun, give an m-9/11 or TEC-9 a try. 32 rounds of ammo will damn sure keep a head down! the TEC-9 was actually accurate with military ammo. there's a sten gun copy on the market now I really want myself and I can actually shoot! all of the above are simple as a brick and provide you with extra ammo when you miss. again, read the damn manual! they're as tough as an AK for the most part as well due to military heritage, sadly most are as accurate as a snub nose 38, but HEY 32 rounds...

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The concept of the "boogie box"

I posted this in another thread, thought it had enough merit to post it in its own thread:

1 Glad or Tupperware dual sandwich box

1 Jennings 22 caliber pistol throated and ramp polished and a box of stingers.

1 heavy duty folding knife.

1 Space blanket.

100 strike anywhere matches in waterproof container.

2 safety knife blades.

100 feet of fishing line and area appropriate hooks.

2 sinkers.

2 floats.

50' of nylon twine.

fire tabs.

band aids.

signal mirror.

suture kit.

powdered Gatorade.

bullion cubes.

wrap box in duct tape add a canteen.

I know some of you will bitch about my choice of a Jennings pistol, that's fine, I admit they are junk, but they are junk that can be made to function with a throat and polish job, second, they are cheap, you won't cry a river if it gets stolen or lost, third, they are small enough for this kit.

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I ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU BEING STUPID ENOUGH TO DO THINGS YOU
SAW ON THE INTERNET! ok, disclaimer out of the way:

More improvised methods to put your eye out!

As usual neither I, the owners of this forum or any admins are responsible for you doing stupid stuff. if you try something you saw on the internet, you're on your own!

Bolas.

Not actually improvised since you're just attaching stuff.

2 kinds, the practice kind uses tennis balls so your kids can play wrap the laundry pole[they'll still actually work as bolas but you won't see stars after a solid bonk on the skull.]The hunting kind uses old croquet balls.

You need 2 pieces of 3/16ths nylon line or para cord, one 5 feet and one three feet.

3 balls.

Gorilla glue foaming cement.

a drill and a 1/4" bit.

Drill a hole through your ball carefully using as sharp a bit as possible.

Light the ends of your line or cord on fire and using leather gloves, roll them to a point and let cool a moment. then thread the ends through your ball of choice and make a secure knot, then dab around the hole with the gorilla glue and let dry. do the same with the 3' section.

After they dry find the exact center of balance on the longer rope and tie the shorter rope there, then knot both cords together.

How to throw Bolas:

There's as many methods as there are opinions, here's MY method, if yours is better, lets have it!

Grip the middle ball like a baseball and hold the knot where it joins the long rope under your finger and twirl them either sideways or over your head. the latter takes more practice and a helmet until you get it! once you get top speed throw the ball in your hand like a rock at your target. done correctly it will tangle around it nicely upon impact. preferred target is a pole or small tree until you get good!

Now don't be posting about the one YOU made out of stainless steel cables and 3" deep sea sinkers and

how it takes the heads right off ducks, this is live capture stuff only! anyway, that Smarmy chicken or wise @ss goat running you ragged? get your tennis ball version and show the stinker who's boss!

PVC pipe blow gun and darts!

Big sissies need a mouth piece!

You need:

3' of 1" PVC pipe. can be as long as your lungs will handle though.

Needle nose cutting pliers.

A pile of wire coat hangars nobody wants.

Some cotton swabs cut into 3"X1 1/2" patches.

The blow gun is made unless you want to camouflage paint it or something.

To make the dart cut a 4" piece of coat hanger and curl the last 1/2" into a "J". roll up one of the patches

and hook it half way in the middle through the "J" then squeeze the "J" tight with the pliers, make sure

it won't just pull out and insert it into the pipe, it should fit fairly easily but not fall out if you point it at

the floor and tap it a couple of times. if its too tight, carefully trim some off the patch, too loose, make

the next patch bigger. make sure the dart is at least 1" up in the tube and give it a determined puff out of

your lungs not cheeks. the dart should sail 20 feet easily. don't sweat the patch's getting frayed, it makes

them more accurate!

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The Day Bag.whazzinitt?

Mine has:

100\$ in cash.

a pound of silver if that fails.

a 22 pistol and 200 rounds.

Two change of clothes, one civvy, one camo.

work knife, not too big, not too small.

wimp class med kit.

Chinese L.E.D light that proved itself.

Truck stop poncho.

Lipton soup mix and Ramen.

Canteen and cup.

Leatherman.

Spoon and fork.

6 pack of water.

chocolate.

socks.

3 days of my meds.

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The RIGHT way to put your eggs into one basket.

So some drunk pitches out an average sized Styrofoam cooler off in my driveway. thanks slob, might

come in handy!

An idea was born..this thing weighs NOTHING. I lined it with cardboard..

it actually has a carry strap...I measured a few pouches of dehydrated and calculate if this bugger was

packed full with a water purifier on top and maybe some salt, pepper and other seasonings and a moisture absorber, it would weigh less than if it had a case of beer in it.

So here's the idea.

line it with something that will absorb any condensation.

reinforce it with duct tape.

grease the seal to prevent roaches/other creepys from making it a nest.

fill it with mountain house pouches and condiments.

seal it up with duct tape.

park it next to your BOB. three months food for one person, out the door and gone, no packing and

rummaging.

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How to not be a sucker.

I learned this the hard way:

When one is confronted with some plausible-sounding "conspiracy" or even just disturbing news, here

are a few tips to keep you from becoming a quivering, paranoid, fear freak:

[1]Check the source[s]. if the main source is often prone to fear mongering, check a secondary source, but make damn sure they're not joined at the hip like Alex Jones and George Noorey.

[2]Check to see if anyone else has even mentioned it on a back page editorial or mainstream news blurb.

[3]Check the local information sources in the area "said event" happened, see if it happened like it's said it happened or even if it happened at all.

[4] Avoid "news" sources that scream or play up the fear factors. you know the saying "If it bleeds, it leads." Maybe they threw ketchup on it to make better press?

[5] Maintain a fair level of preparedness, at least a month ahead, that'll take the edge off quick!

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PDW..What it IS, What it AIN'T!

Personal Defense Weapon.

Bigger than a pistol, smaller than a Rifle, could be a pistol grip shotgun or bull pup.

First to get the idea, here's some examples available to civilians:

The AK pistol, basically a stock less SBR.[Man, these neat guns dried up quick huh?]One of those goofy thumb hole stocks can be made to fit one but save that for after THE EVENT or you're looking at ten in the pen if you're caught! Just a neat little car gun with a lot of punch and firepower or a close combat tool against semi armored enemies. be sure to put a light and laser on yours if you go this route.

if you put a decent recoil brake on it you could in theory scope it, but no vertical grips until after the

SHTF! that too is illegal.

The AR-15 pistol, same retard laws, no grips or stocks, BUT you can put an extended buffer tube on it that's almost a stock perfectly legally. and you can slip on a hunk of closed cell foam like used as pipe insulation. my understanding is its not a stock unless its permanently attached, so no glue or tape!just keep it in your pocket until its needed. Scope, light, Laser is mandatory.

Pistol caliber carbines be it the Marlin camp carbine, Uzi or some other, as long as the stock folds. this can also include stocked pistols.

"Assault pistols" bottom of the food chain here almost .not real accurate but concealable and high capacity. I'd leave these be except as car guns and home defense unless you can get good hits past 50 yards.these include but are not limited to:Mac-10, Uzi pistol/micro, M-9-11, Tec-9 and scorpions.

Pistol gripped stock-less shotguns:They have uses as Home defense, car guns and trail guns but anything past 20 yards is iffy even using slugs.certain jobs they are a must,other jobs will leave you open to being sniped.If I had an extra short 870 I'd break one down for my BOB.

Bullpup rifles.I've only had my mitts on two, a Styer Aug and a Bushmaster.I loved the handling and they might make great BOGs but they had enough flaws I let them pass.this must be your choice on this matter.

What a PDW is NOT:

It's not a sniper rifle.not even the bullpups could effectively fill that role.

It's not going to be super accurate, but more so than a pistol.

With the exception of the bull pups its not much at hunting.

50-100 yards is the best you'll wring out of one period.with the exception of the bull pups.

A PDW is a close range, high powered defensive tool capable of defensive/suppressing fire and accurate close quarters shots with light weight and heavier caliber.its merely a go to between point "A" and "B" but they do have uses which no other weapon will fill,check one out next time you're at a gun show and see which one fits your armory best.

=====Horizon to horizon prepping 101

Horizon to horizon prepping is a philosophy of taking things six months at a time, many people can't afford or store ten years worth of dried food, 10 bazillion rounds of ammo and every assault rifle known to man and much less cram it all into a Honda, HOWEVER if you look this philosophy over, you will see that it CAN be rolled over AND over into a super long term survival stash that billionaires would envy!And let's face it, 99% of the survival situations last only a few weeks at worst so let's look at it like this:

Will a Horizon to horizon plan help me get through another Katrina or 7.5 quake?

In Style baby, hell.you might even gain weight!

Will a Horizon to horizon plan get me through a grid crash, EMP attack,WW3 or Zombie plague?

Hell no.without SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR SPECIFIC SCENARIOS, You're on borrowed time or dead already.that's your bad news, your good news is that you can roll this plan over and over and over until WW3 will just be a minor pain in the ass.Now let's look at the big three:

Food, Water Well being:

Start small and simple with rice and beans and soup mixes,make a water still or buy a Berkley or Katydyn or both and get a few field grade military med kits.

In six months start plugging the holes, see how it works?

Shelter, BOL, hardened home:

Not everyone has cash to sink into a nice fallout shelter/storm cellar or retreat but even us perpetually broke types can harden our homes by building safe rooms and adding insulation. a double insulated room preferably stocked can be heated by a survival candle and save your life in a lights out blizzard. might be a good time to invest in a small generator and a way to vent the toxic fumes outside. invest in a bank of storage batteries and a converter too so you can leave the generator off as you sleep.

Guns and ammo. You really should own a rifle, pistol and shotgun by now. let's assume your broke, get a

Mosin Nagant, an H&R topper, any quality 22 pistol and 100 rounds for each.

As you can see, there are PLENTY of holes, holes you will fill every six month as you "roll over". Here is your "flat footed start" use the six months to study and save your pennies and remember: two bags of rice and a bag of dry beans is a week's worth of food! a 3\$ box of 22LR is 45 squirrels and rabbits! get the idea? now go plug those holes!

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Another boring "how to" article. not for the squeamish!

Wire snares, tangle sticks, rat traps, treble hooks:

First the disclaimer:

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The second disclaimer:

Using any one of these methods to gather game equals a horrible death for the animal involved and will be a bloody mess!make damn sure you're hungry before using them!

Wire snares are used most often for taking game that lives in burrows.Making one is easy.you need either #3 stainless steel snare wire[I have used stainless steel utility wire on rats.]OR braided, naked household wire.first:

Make a noose that slides freely.for a rabbit, I'd say two feet long overall.

Attach it to a stake at least a foot long.notch it to prevent the wire sliding off.

Find a hole.once there make a small fire of brown paper[I said BROWN!]brown cardboard or dry leaves and smudge both stake and wire in the fire for a few seconds.next pound the stake next to the hole and adjust the snare slightly smaller than the hole to force the critter of intent to go through it.come back in the morning, get ready to skin it out.

For game trails on game such as deer, use braided stainless steel cable strong enough to hold a pissed off deer, smudge it as before but anchor it to a tree and drape it over a stick balanced in the bushes about deer head high.if it hits it at a run it will likely cut its own throat, but don't bet on it! be near enough to hear the commotion and when its worn itself out, dispatch it quickly.

Tangle sticks:

To make one you need a flexible and strong pole 1" or less in diameter and 5' or 6' long.

A deep water [read heavy duty] three pronged hook and a wood screw that fits through the eye and a hose clamp to fit over it.[you can wire it on too but I like doing things to last!]attach the hook to the pole with the screw and put the clamp or wire around the shank.push it down a burrow and probe

around until your pole starts jerking.then start twisting and pulling.have a big club or a pistol handy because what comes out of that hole is going to be in attack mode!

Rat traps:

Something for squirrel.drill a 1/4" hole in a large rat trap.smudge it as before and affix it to a tree using a socket wrench and self tapping wood screw.bait it with peanut butter, set it, come back later.you can get birds sometimes too.cook em!

Treble hooks:

Brutal way of getting game.

Tie a three pronged hook 1' off the ground and anchor it well.bait it with whatever you're after likes like sardines for raccoon.something will be hanging there next morning if there's ANY game at all around.best to use near camp so you can go over there and end its misery fast!

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Cultivating things that mind themselves.

Welcome to my "invisible garden" 101

Do you encourage wild edibles around your property?I do.and its a great way to hide your garden in plain sight.

Plantain.a nice edible green often dissed as "yard salad".

Blackberries.Not only a great pie/wine source, it discourages wildlife and trespassers!

Polk salad:If you don't know how to cook it, its poison!the berries make good wine and attract yummy

birds.

Sage.it minds itself.

Mint.tea and meat seasoning, good jelly too!

Lamb's quarter.a high protein green, pity it won't grow here.

Brake ferns/fiddle necks. taste like asparagus when young.

Strawberries.Anyplace they'll grow, they'll keep growing,raspberries too.

Cilantro.Darn immigrant herbs.hate the taste but it won't die no matter what!

Pine trees.I got your vitamin C fix right here!Green needles for tea,you can eat the white inner bark, the

green cones have syrup and pine nuts.

Pepper grass.It'll grow where it wants to.hard to kill once it does!

Wild Lettuce.just what it says....

Turnips can and will grow wild here.Hate the root, love the greens.

Elderberries:Wine and jam.

"Ditch lillies"/day lillies.the Chinese eat the flowers.

Wild pears, crab apples, cat tails, Walnuts and acorns.You have to blanch the acid out of the acorns in

running water before you roast them or you'll get explosive diarrhea.

Wild onions.

Mustard.greens and condiments!

I probably missed a lot, this is just what's here.

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How to make Canadian geese edible.

Lots of people claim that the Canadian goose is inedible, INCLUDING some Canadians!!'m here to tell

you it can be done and in a tasty manner!

Step 1

Cut into chunks and Pressure cook it until it disintegrates.[about 4 hours.]

Add two beef bullion cubes and continue to simmer until half the juice is gone.

Drain the juice for gravy.

presuming you have 3/4th of a gallon of meat, add two finely diced red onions, a pint of sweet relish,a teaspoon of horse radish and black pepper and half a quart of mayonnaise.

serve on garlic Texas toast like chicken salad.freeze the rest.tastes like beef salad.great for a football party!

Might also make great Manhattans.it has a beefy texture and taste and the gravy cries out for potatoes and slaw!

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Why not?

So here I am rebuilding my BOB after my Brother's kids "borrowed" it to go camping and I notice my torch tank trucks[modified hand trucks] and I remember that back when I could work,I could move a 55 gallon drum of cleaning solvent around on some with big wheels,that in the area of 500 Lbs easy!! got to thinking,why not take a hand truck, put some 10" inch wheels on it and a duffel bag,strap on a pack and attach a vertical rifle holder and haul buns up the hill with it?I can carry twice as much stuff but nowhere near 500 Lbs.if somebody beats me to it post a pic!

Might need to add 50' of rope for going down hill though.

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Coffee can crafting.

Lantern reflector:

Using a can opener, cut approximately half way around the bottom of the can.

Using tin snips, cut in a straight line away from the bottom on both sides.

Punch or drill a 1/4" hole near the middle edge of the bottom.

Smooth the sharp edges with a file.

Take the cap screw off your lantern, fit the reflector over the screw and replace the nut. now you can direct 100% of your light where you need it.

Bug lantern:

drill 2 1/4" holes about an inch apart near the side of the can vertically.

Match the holes up to some 8" strap and drill a nail hole so you can hang it up.

Drill a 1/8" hole midways in the bottom side of the can. insert a 1"X1/8" wood screw and screw a bug candle down on it. now you have light and something to keep the noseemus off of you in your cabin.

Road stove.

Pop 3-4 holes in the bottom sides of the can.

Get a chunk of cinder-block that fits nicely in the bottom of the can and soak it in an ounce of kerosene

or diesel fuel and light it.[THIS SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE DONE OUT DOORS!]it will burn about half an hour and be hot enough to boil water or warm your hands by.stinks however.you can use plain rubbing alcohol if the smell bothers you.

Bail bucket.

Drill a 1/4"hole in either side of the can.

Straighten out a coat hanger and attach it like any other bucket.10" of para cord works nice too.

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I've been asked.Thought I already did but I can't find it.

Magus:

46 years old, disabled and on medication,incapable of long hikes or heavy carrying..Yeah, I know.dead man walking, but don't count me out until you see me in the ground and even then better keep your damn dog away from my tombstone!Getting messed up only made me re invent myself, one should remember survival is 75% mind set.all the training and gear on earth are useless if you're just going to stand there peeing in your pants making silly baby noises.

Scenario:Mini TEOTWAWKI.it's over,Highway's jammed, here comes the mobs, the U.N and zombies right behind them. I'm out the back door and headed for the Appalachian foothills that start two miles from where I sit.I have NOWHERE to go, but here's what's on my back and in my cart.yes, I said cart.a two wheeled yard cart that'll hump 300 pounds of junk without effort unless it's a 90 degree bank.We're re enacting "The Road" y'all.

You really want to hear about my guns and knives and any other exotic mall ninja bait I might stick in my boot or scav bag huh?keep reading,I'll get to it EVENTUALLY.

4 wool blankets, two sub zero sleeping bags, a week's change of clothing, extra socks and underwear, boogie box[just look for it dammit!]and all the food I can fit on it.extra pair of boots, digging tools,three different axes, EMT box, rope, extra tarps, a tent,1 garden in a can, and anything I might grab on the way out the door or over the hill.basically a bug out bag with wheels.there's a blocked culvert near the river the homeless dudes used to use, I'm holed up there until I can come back for my good stuff. or at least a couple of stashes.

O.K Mall ninjas and gun p0rn guys, here's what I took:

A stripped and gutted down CAR-15, 1 tac rail for a folding grip and tac light.

a 22 cal conversion kit.

250 rounds of 223,200 rounds 22LR 100 rounds CB caps.

Taurus 101,6 clips, 100 rounds.

Cold steel ATC

K-bar

USAF survival knife.

Hone and file.

Mini fishing kit.

Tomahawk.

Walking staff...Ok,its a war club I prop my gimp butt up on.it serves the purpose.

Boring?you bet!will it keep me alive and fed? you bet unless its a nuclear war.Now as to what I go back home and retrieve after things settle a bit is another thread.

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Beans n rice survival.

So you're poor...me too, life sucks under the new regime huh? doesn't mean you shouldn't survive in

fact, you have a duty to!

Let's get you armed first:

Marlin papoose, 6 25 round mags[795 mags interchange] brick of high velocity hollow points. 300\$ or
blow 100\$ more and get a 10/22.

Harrington and Richardson 12 Ga. single shot and 100 rounds of buckshot.under 200\$ chop that barrel
at 18.5 inches and install hi vis sights.

Pistol....?????

USMC K bar fighting knife 45\$

NOW, let's feed you:

Beans, rice, ramen noodles, potato flakes and instant soup mix all have about a 2-3 year shelf life
stored in air tight bug proof containers.100\$ will get you a year's supply.

Medical supplies: go to the phone book and look for a pharmacy that caters to EMTs a reasonable kit
will fit in a 50 cal can.

"But Magus..wut do I put in it?"

Betadine

Alcohol

Hydrogen peroxide

Butterfly suture kit

Band aids

two ace flex wraps

Sanitary napkins[the damn things make great bandages!!!]

Medical tape

crazy glue

Foreceps

tweezers

magnifying glass

medical scissors

A tooth brush is a great bullet probe.

Thermometer.

150\$ easy.

If I get it any cheaper I'll have you running around with a bow and loin cloth.now go apply yourself!

this is duck's guts!

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Micro cacheing.a little dab might do ya'

Most of us have large stashes,but how about some supplies between caches?a little something to "get you there" easier.let's start with something we here in North America generally look upon as useless.the

E.U plastic ammo can.It's somewhat larger than our "beloved" 50 cal cans, bleaches out in sunlight and just feels "crappy" BUT it is waterproof and somewhat durable thus making it perfect for the current

use, a buried micro cache.let's look inside one:

I found mine will hold an M-9/11 "assault pistol" three mags,100 rounds of ammo, a Gerber gator and mini-med kit and ONE M.R.E crammed on top.

O.K,not real practical but it was an on the spot thing.a better choice would be a smaller pistol and another M.R.E and just for Bills, a roll of silver Maple leaves or Walking Libertys, because hey, some people are dumb and greedy!! plan to take advantage of the fact, you should too.

They also have 40MM[?]cans for almost double the stash size.I'm not sure but I think a Marlin Papoose will fit in one and I know the survival rifle will!Now we can add another M.R.E, space blankets, a better med kit, and well you get the idea.anything you might desperately need but not have if your BOB got stolen or lost.I think they were 18 bucks last time I saw them.not a bad investment!

Remember to get a tube of food grade white lithium grease to keep the rubber seal from drying out.

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Let's have fun with zombies.

If you read many of my threads and rants, you know I come down on "Zombie Preppers" like a ton of bricks....But in light of current odd goings on,I figured I'd make you all a zombie survival kit just for kicks.not really a waste of time since you can use it for other plagues too.

Anti-Zombie guns.its got to be light, capable of a head shot at 50 yards and of a high enough caliber to make a head go splat! I'm thinking SBRs are great for this! stuff like AR-15 shortys and Krinkovs.be sure to slap a vertical grip and dot sight on it and DON'T put it together until the law that forbids them is kind of moot.A Thompson 45 carbine would fit this role nicely as well.

The universal B.A.K[aka the big @ss knife!]It must have at least a 9" blade and be suitable for the head splitting chop and be at LEAST 3/16ths of an inch thick.good candidates for this are the Cold Steel ATC, the Indian Kukuri, a USGI machete, The Gerber Parang and a short handled brush axe.

Pistols, there's just two anti Zed pistols really. a tuned 45 automatic or a scoped 44 magnum.

Handcuffs.say your buddy got bit and you THINK you got the 100% chlorine bleach poured in the wound in time.why pop him for no reason?cuff him to something sturdy and someplace safe and come back later.if he's not in the last stages of the fever or turned to a Zed, looks like he'll be ok.

Bleach.the good stuff can be gotten from dye houses and industrial laundries.it disintegrates raw flesh after a minute or two and kills any virus known to man including AIDS and cooties!

A hand sprayer for the bleach, for decontaminating stuff that gets splattered.

Heavy Leather jackets, chaps, knee boots and full face motorcycle helmets,if you can't bite through it,

neither can a Zed.Might want to get a wide leather collar like the Marines wore in the Philippines too.you always see some poor /B/tard get bit in the neck in a zombie movie, pisses off vampires too!

Tear gas and industrial strength ammonia! Zed hunts by smell....smell this dead head!

Zombies are attracted to loud noises and bright colors so a supply of cheap fireworks are in order.might

get some cheap boom boxes to lure the Zed away from where you're going to be as well.

A chainsaw, a really big one! for cutting, you know...stuff!

Gloves, like heavy leather work gloves or better yet welding gauntlets for picking up red hot steel.Zed

can't bite through them either.

Gas masks and filters.not only will it help if the zombie plague is airborne but have you ever smelled a sun ripened body?BLEECH!

Dough boy suits.not real great protection but it'll keep infected blood off your Mad Max outfit.

A ball bat.when you really need to be quiet!

An axe.When you really need to be quiet a little harder!

A crossbow, one of those neat Barnett compound jobs with string silencers, a red dot scope and a rail

system so you can attach a laser and a grenade launcher.for being really quiet at a distance!

Silencers.for those not elite enough to use a bow.

Fly paper.imagine all those ripe bodies, every fly on the continent will be there chowing down and

spreading the plague like...plague!

A Humvee....because Humvees are epic!and you can run over lots of Zed before the fender wells clog up with body parts.

Ammo.lots of it!

A short pump shotgun.nothing says I hate you like a face full of 00 buck!

A partner who's already nuts.this is the guy who'll scream "RUN" and dive into 1000 Zed with a

katana, thus letting you escape!

Well, there we go.Zombie apocalypse kit.hope it was as much fun reading as it was writing!

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Summer BOB Vs.Winter BOB

Goodies for the newbies part 76239:

We all have set items in our BOBs and GHBs, I'm not going to get into the gadgets and weapons and knives/multitools. this little how to is to seasonally tailor your BOB/GHB for MAXIMUM effectiveness!This is just a few tweaks to make "getting there" easier and more likely.

Spring/Summer:

Since it's not going to freeze, I advise a case of cheap bottled water.

REHYDRATE OFTEN!and while we're sipping get some re-hydration pouches or Gatorade/sports drink powder.

Comfortable, well broken in shoes or hiking boots.

Seasonal clothes.ditch that business suit and get into shorts and a tank top!

Carbohydrates!most candy will melt but snack cakes will not.if it's frosted it'll get icky.chips are great

and light and supply salt and while we're on that subject:

Salt pills.get some!you'll need them in the winter kit too!

Protein:I suggest Jerky and dehydrated soups.don't forget your STAINLESS STEEL Nagaline bottles

and canteen cup!

Fire tabs.you'll need to cook without signaling where you are I'll bet.

Bandana and shady hat.soaking a bandana and putting it around your neck can lower your body

temperature several degrees, slap a nice mesh cowboy hat on and it drops a couple more!

Extra socks and blister packs.if you can't move, you're dead! remember to take a break as you can.

Fall/Winter.

Whole new ball game!Stuff that's fine in warmer months will likely freeze now.so to remedy this carry

several canteens to be filled as you can.the 1 Quart bladders the army uses are perfect and weigh little

until filled.

Your food needs are similar but up the Protein count. not so much on the carbs until you're really cold!

remember to stuff your face on the run when you can!

Clothing:

Winter boots, clothing, socks, a warm hat,space blankets, anything to hold in heat!

Double up on the fire tabs, instant soup and coffee.

Cardboard beer flat.inserted between a t shirt and your jacket it reflects 80% of your body heat in a

wind![Old Biker trick.it's called the Neely Tuxedo.]

Well, that's all I can think of, I'm sure others will have tweeks I missed.

Stay alive!

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Precious metal hoarding.

I'm keeping it short because I have only one bit of advice.

If you live in the United States and ANY coin in your collection says USA etc, get rid of it as it is technically United States government property and can be confiscated with legal impunity.buy Maple leafs from Canada and trade them your "Junk" silver. 999 is better than coin grade anyway and if OUR government thinks it can confiscate a damn thing from up there I can here the "Fuck off eh?" from here. Besides, Canadians are nice people.

Keep the collection sane.anything over ten pounds is too much to carry or lose.

Did you know you can seal 1 oz coins in PVC pipe and sink them in the toilet tank and 9 times out of

ten even cops will miss them? same goes for other stuff you might like hid...

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Home made contoured sanding block.

Got a rifle stock or piece of furniture with some drippy curves that are being a pain?

Take a piece of closed cell tubing insulation about 5" long[Or cut a chunk off your kid's forgotten water doodle and split one side.]Cut your sandpaper to fit your hunk of foam+2" tuck the ends into the split.now you can sand any curve without extra scratches!

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So I saw this thing called a shell shrinker where you can shoot .32 auto/32 S@W etc in your Nagant.seems like a waste of opportunity to me not to have a good gun smith open that bad boy up to the new 327 round and use it as well as 32 H@R magnums, the rifle will obviously handle it.

Another option might be.[if you're made of money] to just re barrel it to the new 32 round and use it as a single shot ? another good candidate would be those Manlincher rifles they can't give away for lack of ammo.I'm pretty sure the 327 would stop anything up to small deer in size. any thoughts?

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Guns, gear, getting out of Dodge PART 2.0!

The guns and gear part has taken a life of its own so I decided to do a B.O.V thread of it's own in which I will completely piss off every JEEP, GMC Scout and Ford Bronco owner ever born and then some.I've been doing the Survivalist thing sine 1982 and I've seen a lot of stuff, some works, some is suicide and some is so retarded but works so well no one but a lunatic would do it, THIS is one of those occasions.and oh yeah newbies,I'm going to save you several thousand dollars in the bargain, ain't I a sweetie ass?

Get your rotten tomatoes out all you monster truckers, here we go!

The ULTIMATE B.O.V CAN BE MADE FOR UNDER 10K FROM A TOYOTA PICK UP TRUCK!

Say what?!

I ain't done. not just ANY Toyota pick up truck either, a late 70's early 80's Toyota pick up truck. the used car lots and junk yards are full of them or were before the cash for clunker program but there's still plenty out there with for sale signs on them, go find one! now to tell you why:

I PERSONALLY know of several locally the odometer has flipped on at least twice to three times, I know of one that's almost a billion miles!

They're tough beasts. no electronic ignition to fry in an E.M.P either.

Repair parts are cheap, really really cheap!

Fairly easy to fix, go to Autozone and buy the damn book!

Properly tuned will get 15-20 MPG easy!

Off road kits still abound and cheap! Jack it up and get some knobbys if you're going "out there"!

Here might or might not be an issue. a camper top. I'm reasonably sure one can be had reasonably priced.

Heavy made bodies. you could plow a green car into junk and only need another shot of primer to get going again.

And speaking of heavy, beef up the suspension and brace the frame. you can do it if you know your hand tools. stiffen the front end too in case you want to plow a green car.

Add a 2 ton winch, extra battery, expanded fuel tank, racing hoses, and your com gear. good to go!

ADDENDUM

Convert the electrical system to use deep cycle arctic circle grade batteries and series wire them.be sure

to include a manual breaker and tickle charger.

Racing hoses are basically steel cable wrapped extreme high pressure hoses.they can be fabricated from

high temperature-extreme pressure hose found at industrial supply stores.

Those roll up windows you're going to hate can be replaced with steel plates so eat your Spinach and work out!

You can fabricate an air tank bumper out of 5" pipe.be a big boy and add a brush guard/rammer.

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PVC crossbow.

First the disclaimer:

Neither I nor this forum nor its owners are responsible for you if you do something retarded and hurt yourself, some kid or your neighbor's dog.if you're not responsible enough to do quality work or are subject to fits of stupidity like using slingshots to deliver cherry bombs you need to get out of this thread now.

Now then.I will say up front I have not built this thing from PVC.I made mine from steel and welded it.

[SOMEDAY IT WILL HAVE A LASER SIGHT!]but not everyone welds or works metal so I figured how else could I make one of these? this is the answer.Required tools and materials:

Electric drill and 1/4 and 3/8ths" bits.

An offset screwdriver.

A 2X5" hunk of high pressure PVC pipe.

Mechanic's epoxy[motor block grade]

2 3/8ths flat head bolts.

2 3/8ths nuts and tension washers.

A hacksaw.

2 1/4" ths nuts and tension washers.

Scissors.

a stout Bungee cord.

Industrial quality zip ties

2 1/2" metal hose clamps.

A jig saw or scroll saw to cut out the grip.

Scrap leather and a cartridge case at least as big as the bungee cord to punch holes in the strap.

Follow the directions and have fun,I can pop cans at 25 yards using sinkers as ammo or get torso hits with arrows out to 50 with my steel one.Remember:Aim THROUGH the tube. if you see it you'll hit it!

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Guns, gear, getting out of Dodge!

The 3 gun kit has been hashed and rehashed to death even by me but if this article is useful it MIGHT end up stickeyed for the new guys.so in this thread I'll try to outline how to chose your kit, save you some bucks and keep you alive.

Where are you and where are you going?

The urban Survivalist.this presumes you have nowhere else to go and some like me do not at the moment.

Choosing the 3 gun kit:

You need something light, powerful and easy to get ammunition for, so notice what the state and local police carry and imitate as close as possible.around here it's:

M-4/AR-15. 5.56X45 [223 duh?]

Sig Saur or Glock 40 cal.

Remington 870 12 gauge.

A minimum of parts should keep all three running forever however if your local guys use a Ruger Mini-14 I'd still go AR, not because it's a better gun, it's not. but chamber pressure issues with military ammo on the older rifles and finding spare parts will be a royal pain!

Your gear:

stuff you'll always want when out foraging/scavenging:

A small tool kit to repair your weapons with and a few spare parts.all your AR will likely need can be crammed into a stow away pistol grip, likewise a hollow synthetic stock on the 870 will hold all it will ever need.the pistol is a last ditch weapon but you can keep a spare extractor and firing pin stashed easy enough.

Your knife:

It's after the SHTF and you're urban.keep it small and out of sight, some goon might shoot you just for your cool knife!I suggest the USAF pilot's survival knife as a primary and a Buck 110 as a back up.

Other goodies:

A crowbar, a small set of bolt cutters, a small hammer and a slim Jim to get into vehicles. a map of your area , a LED flash light, a means of making fire Rat traps to catch squirrels with, a pellet gun for pigeons and a quart canteen.

Your bag itself:

Any small back pack coupled with a medic bag or mechanic's bag to stash stuff in is great just make sure both are durable and easy to repair, that means cheapo Chi-com nylon is out!

Suburban kit:

You're outside the city now.you MIGHT consider staying with the 3 gun kit suggested above it will make little difference but be aware you're not going to see many police out here after SHTF so you're going to be storing more parts and ammo so one might opt for a heavier hitting AK-47 and a higher capacity 9mm or even a heavy hitting revolver such as a 357 or 44 Magnum since you're going to be on your own anyway.add in a 22 pistol or rifle too and a case of squibs for what squirrels and rabbits drift in.

Your kit is getting heavier.in addition to the tools and parts suggested above, add in a multi tool and small adjustable wrench and 3 feet of garden hose to siphon gas with, a water purifier.

The knife:you can get a bit bigger out here, just make sure it's a quality blade.I like a K bar but anything good will suffice,just steer clear if daggers, they're great for fighting but little else.

The kit.ALICE pack and a shoulder bag.might consider some clothes too as you might occasion to switch from grey man to camouflage to hunt or loot.

The rural kit:

Go big bore with reach and power! I mean 308/7.62X51 NATO.there's only 3 real choices, each with its own positives and negatives.I like the FN-FAL rifles because they balance nice like an AR, are reliable and when something breaks, easy to fix!not real easy to scope but mounts are out there, I don't know if they're all alike but mine requires a re zero if I remove it.

Next up is the M-14/M-1A. if you've never seen one it's like a WW2 M-1 Garand with a 20 round detachable magazine and the ability to load from stripper clips. they are known for accuracy and reliability but like it's ancestor the M-1, keep the grease pot handy because it needs a LOT on the operating rod and bolt cams. the BIG plus is they're easy to scope and with the type of mount it uses it always returns to a few points of zero not enough the average shooter will even notice!

CETME/HK-91 [and clones] Back in the 80's if you were a survivalist THIS was THE gun if you were "elite". they balance like an AK and the light barrel tends to spread the shots after a magazine full HOWEVER the American made versions use heavier Match style barrels, I have not fired one of these but a heavier barrel solves most of my gripes with the weapon. it can be scoped.....for a price, but the good news is that HK mounts always return to 0 and magazines are cheap right now. now more bad news, they like to wreck softer commercial brass due to the fluted chamber, but it can be re sized and used again.

add ons and doo dads abound.

The Kit:

You should be good to go from the suburban kit, just add a snake bite kit, poncho and a blanket. your knife can be a king sized Bowie out here, just be sure you pack a smaller folder.

Next chapter I'll deal with vehicles.

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You can make this without a forge but you need a grinder, hammer and a drill.

Find two pieces of 1/2" to 3/4" rebar 18" to 24" long.

Grind a flat spot 1" long on one end of each bar.

Drill a 1/4" hole in the middle of the flat spot of each one.

Turn the rounded sides to face each other and place a split washer on each side, then one in the middle, place a bolt through all and place a nut on the bolt and brace it down. make sure it opens and closes fairly freely, then place it between two logs on your camp fire and use it to hold your dutch oven or frying pan.

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Threat Level preparedness.

What Level do you prep for?

CONDITION WHITE:

The Sun is shining, the birds are singing, the mortgage is paid and the kids are in college. life is so good!

A weekend camping box with beanitos and fruit loops. you might even own a gun for home defense but probably not. you buy fuel as you need it and your primary survival skill is alphabetizing your underwear drawer.

CONDITION BLUE:

Now you're getting the idea! You saw what Katrina and a month's worth of tornadoes can do! You store

a week's worth of Dehydrated food and bottled water and you talked your brother in law out of his J.C Higgins pump shotgun and a box of shells.you even took time to make storm shutters just in case.your best survival skills are fixing the car and applying bandages to non life threatening boo boos.

CONDITION YELLOW:

Uh-Oh..you're AWAKE!You actually watch and pay attention to the news and you realize "IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!"You bought a 3 gun kit the pros recommended on Prepared Society and a few hundred rounds of ammo, you store food water and medicine at least a month in advance and you're having new ideas about what to put in that empty corner of the basement,AKA survival shelter!Your best survival skills are CPR and stitching minor wounds.

CONDITION RED:

All is not good!Your friends think you've lost it and you live in your retreat/bunker.you have multiple short wave radios and a sat link to the internet, you own an arsenal that most SWAT teams would drool over, your diesel generator is a back up for your solar array in extended cloudy weather, you have food stored for years in advance but you hunt and grow your own too, if it's broke you can fix it, if it's bleeding you can stop it, you're in peak physical condition and you're a walking survival encyclopedia with years of study and training behind you.casual acquaintances call you "the wasteland Messiah" because Rambo looks like a zombie prepping nerd standing next to you.

If anyone cares, I'm green and red plaid.

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Anybody but me do this?

At various times of the year I like to walk around the neighborhood and find out what's growing/living out there I can eat if I have to.this year I find:

Dandelions

Polk

Wild lettuce

wild turnips

Lamb's quarter

Young pines [for a nice dose of vitamin C]

wild pears

figs

and pitiful few acorns

For meat there's:

Turkey

Canadian goose

squirrel

Mud turtle

possum[where's the wild sweet taters when you need them?!]

raccoon

and probably coyote again soon.

Not much of a diet but enough to keep one alive.

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Scavengeing your future.

Another one of my epic how to threads.go get some gluten free chips and a soda.

In these days and times you'd be surprised at how much useful[and edible!]stuff goes in a dumpster!

some places are more than happy to let you dig around in their dumpsters because it clears space for

them to put more stuff in if they're running out of room, examples of these places are:

Cabinet shops

Carpet outlets

Carpet mills

some but not all big box stores.

Grocery stores. [K mart will, Kroger won't!] Mom n pop probably will if they know you.

Pawn shops.

Some places that do stone counter tops. you better ask!

Some metal fabricating shops. again, you better ask!

Some restaurants especially buffet places will let you load up for the price of one meal at quitting time.

[I can eat for three days out of the local Chinese place if I'm there at the right time!]

Now for places NEVER EVER EVER try to scav!:

Police stations.

Hospitals.

Doctor's offices.

Gated communities without permission.

Private property.

Any place in the bad parts of town.

Basic scavenger's tools:

This tool kit should cover any of the places above you can legally scavenge and a few after there is nobody to say you can't. I'll put this in two groups:

The playing nice and by the rules kit.

A good sized duffel bag.

Rubber gloves.

Flash light.

Leather gloves.

A large cooler and ice.

A utility knife and fixed blade sheath knife.

A file and knife hone.

An adjustable wrench.

Comfortable shoes and work clothes.

a shady hat.

The bag grabber stick [4' long piece of hard wood staff with a nail or bolt through the side at one end. sometimes you might want a powerful magnet fixed to the other end.]

The SHTF kit:

No more rules, dog eat dog. its got all the other kit plus new things to carry:

Crowbar.

Bolt cutters.

Slim Jim.

4" of 1/2"rubber hose.

Poncho.

Back pack.

Adjustable pipe wrench.

Gas can.

Small concealable pistol and three mags.

Hack saw.

Mace.

Garbage bags

Now then, use common sense and don't pack stuff you know you won't need like a heavy tool kit if you're after food and a cooler vice versa for materials.also using common sense, know WHEN its o.k to use the second kit!and if you don't know what some of this stuff is for, you will!

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A quickie on "Ranger bands".

No, not the guys with guitars and camouflage.

A ranger band is one of the simplest , most useful thing you can make to go in your kit.you can make hundreds per hour for pennies.

Find a bicycle inner tube and a pair of shears or stout scissors.

Cut across the tube at 1/4 to 1/2" intervals.

Now you have a pile of very tough rubber bands you can use for endless tasks, but wait! there's more!!

Wrap 10-20 of them around a Bic lighter and toss it and a couple like it in your kit when it comes time to start a fire and things are a bit damp,undo one of the bands and LIGHT IT and stuff it in your kindling.an average one burns 5 minutes with a LOT of heat.enough to start moist kindling and warm freezing fingers into mobility.caution:they drip napalm when lit.

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Water distillery 101

How you make one that won't kill you.

Aluminum is toxic, when it corrodes even more so.you can get by on using aluminum occasionally but since this is me we're doing it right the first time.Let's go shopping:

At the restaurant supply store we pick up a 2 gallon STAINLESS STEEL pressure cooker, a 4 quart colander or spaghetti strainer,and as many of those huge industrial sized coffee filters as possible.

At the industrial supply you get a pipe fitting that will replace the pressure gauge and accept either 6' of 3/8" copper tubing or high temperature rated

[400+ degrees]Teflon or plastic tubing make sure it fits securely and once the nipple is screwed on it's NOT coming out! next buy you an 8"X2' piece of PVC pipe and two end caps and some glue get some gasket seal and a 3/8" drill bit and a 1" spade drill.

Now we get started:

Replace the pressure gauge on the cooker with the fitting and attach the line.this part's done.

Now then, in one of the PVC end caps,drill a 3/8" hole and a 1" hole and feed 4-5 feet of your line through it and using PVC cement, glue it on to the pipe and allow to dry.

Next curl up 3/4ths of the hose inside the pipe and thread the rest out the bottom.be sure to glue the tube to the pipe securely or it will leak.now glue the cap in place.congrats.this is the cooling tower.

Now let's boil some water!

Using the colander and coffee filters pour the suspect water through them and into the "still." fill it about half way up and put the lid on, make sure it locks securely!. next make sure the cooling tower is set where it won't tip over.I'd make a stand for it but I just used a couple of bricks for my test piece.fill the cooling tower full of water through your 1" hole.use a funnel maybe?any water will do but perhaps best to use something already drinkable in case of leaks. and lastly,point the end of the hose into a jug or bucket to collect your distilled water.

ADDENDUM

Some people say to add 2" of pea gravel in the bottom of the still to agitate the water but if you filtered it well,I don't see the need other than flavor.

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A decent medical kit:

Start with the box.

http://www.planomolding.com/2010/07/bone-collector-edition/1812-12_closed/

Add the usual:

Band aids

Betadyne

Hydrogen peroxide

Alcohol

Sting kit

Snake bite kit

Bandages of various sizes

Up to date Aspirin, ibuprofen, allergy pills no doze and cough remedies.

Calamine lotion, bactiene ,burn salve topical antibiotics..

NOW

Add the unusual:

Sutures.

Butterfly kit

EMT shears

1 package of safety razor blades

Scalpel

Bullet probe

forceps[3 pair each size]

Canned heat

Small blowtorch

Super glue

hacksaw and several sharp blades.

Zip ties

cotton wadding and medical tape.

a 5th of 100% vodka.

and a copy of "Ditch medicine" forgot who wrote it sorry.

Make it grow kids. keep your DNA in play!

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Default Another one for the n00bs to use.

BOBs, GHBS, boogie kits and hunker bags.

CITY AND COUNTRY EDITIONS!

This one's for beginners. as before, read the replies. there's smarter people in here than me. just trying to save you some \$\$\$ and money and maybe even your life.

BOB City style:

You're a city kid, no place else to go but you might have to if the unthinkable happens like Katrina.

[1] at least 200\$ in small bills stored in several locations on your person in case you get robbed. I used to like to roll it up in medicine bottles and stuff it in my shaving kit.

[2] Small, hard hitting pistol 380 or better and 50 rounds+3 clips.

[3] Back packer's water purification device like a Katadyn.

[4] At least 3 Stainless water bottles.

[5] Space blankets.

[6] Fire source and a few ranger bands.

Note: Ranger bands are simply rubber bands cut from an old bicycle inner tube, they're great for fixing stuff and an average one burns 5 minutes.

[7]Food tabs.they're lighter than MREs and don't require water.just eat them.you can carry a month's supply in a shoe box!

[8]Multi tool AND large folding knife.your laws suck, keep the knife hid!

[9]Sneakers and extra socks and some foot powder.

This is a BARE minimum kit for those who rely on public transport or the foot truck.it's light and will all fit in a kid's backpack.might want to add any prescription drugs you're on and maybe an extra pair of glasses too.

BOB Rural flavor:

Ah the Burbs.this kit assumes you know where you're going and you have access to a vehicle.Ditch the small pistol and add this to the first kit:

[1]Season appropriate clothing.

[2]A rifle and 100 rounds of hunting grade ammo.for the purpose of keeping price low and all around utility I'm suggesting either a Moisan Nagant carbine or SKS.

[3]A pistol.9mm/45/357/40 cal etc.you can afford to hit harder out here.

[4]Hunting/fighting knife.You might want a western style Bowie, but I've carried a Finnish Pukko for decades.

[5]Automotive tool kit, spare fan belt, antifreeze, thermostat, flat tire kit, extra plug wire and a couple of good plugs, two gallons of water.2 quarts of oil and a quart of transmission fluid,a can of brake fluid, you get the idea right?ANYTHING you might need vehicle wise.don't forget a can of gas!

[6]At least three days worth of instantly edible food[Cuz ration tabs taste like @\$\$ after a couple of days!]

[7]Blankets and two changes of clothes.one to go "grey man" in and some camouflage.

[8]Back pack in case you have to hoof it

[9]Medium medical kit.

Another bare minimum kit, I can't do it all for you, but it'll start you where you're going.

The HUNKER DOWN BAG:

I haven't seen these discussed yet.this is for when you're NOT where you want to be but you're going to be here for a while whether you want to be or not!

Whole new ball game here.this assumes you have a vehicle AND a place to hole up.you're safe for the moment and you want to stay that way.[Grandma's house?]

[1]Something a bit heavier in the defensive firearm line but still light and portable, be it folding stock AK, Collapsible stock AR, alley sweeper 12 gauge, or some other PDW with some firepower.250 rounds minimum, 100 for the shotgun.My personal taste would be a Collapsible stock CAR pattern AR for this, a Beretta 92F and Mossberg 500 for close up!6 mags each Minimum!

[2]Two weeks worth of dehydrated and MREs minimum!

[3]A bottle of your favorite nerve tonic[A shot of Bourbon guys!]

[4]Bigger, better medical kit.

[5]Condoms[for water carrying too!]

[6]A couple of good books and a pack of cards.

[7]Season appropriate clothing.

[8]Boots and socks.

[9]Tool kit.Make sure you have a hatchet AND a Claw hammer.a crowbar is good too.throw in a box of nails, you might have to barricade the place.

[10]Para cord and rope, you never know and it stashes easy.

[11] anything else I left out like a machete or hillbilly hunting knife.

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A bit of fun with the Mall ninjas and zombie preppers.

All you guys with life skills hang back and let's see if there's gold in the pile!

THE MALL NINJA ZOMBIE PREPPER TEST:

The rules are simple,

Miss 1-5, you're probably one of the living.

Miss 5-9, Armchair commando.

Miss more, Wild dog pizza.

Weapons:

While it's perfectly all right to fire a .223 in an AR-15, it might not be a good idea to fire 5.56X45 through a Mini 14. WHY?

You're out of bore cleaner and you just put a clip full of corrosive "bomb shelter" ammo through a non chrome lined bore. name three things to neutralize the crap before it rots your gun.

What is the difference between a magazine and a clip?

Your AK-47/SKS or FAL has stopped firing. the primer shows a weak indent, what is the likely cause?

A Prepper friend shows you an old school AR-15. it appears to have a heavier than normal barrel, a 20 round magazine and a long range optical scope. there isn't a tactical rail anywhere. what is this weapon system likely used for?

BONUS QUESTION: The AR-15 evolved from what weapon?

Food:

Name 5 protein sources not available at most stores.

The power has been off a week but you still have tap water. why would it be a real good idea to boil and

or filter it?

Dehydrated foods such as potato flakes and carrots can be expected to last how long under ideal storage

conditions?

It is one month after the fallout has cleared. you discover a lake which still has fish in it, why should you or shouldn't you eat any fish there?

Why is it a good idea to stock "Heirloom" seeds over Genetically modified stock?

BONUS QUESTION:

How long will a smoked and cured ham keep just lying around?

Common sense:

The hordes of nazibikerzombiemutants have passed. you see the body of a soldier they missed and he still has all his gear. what do you take, what do you avoid like the plague?

You find a dead rabbit near your retreat and it appears fresh and un molested by carnivores. do you:

Flip it over with your foot to see if it was shot.

Flip it over with a long stick.

Pick it up and bury it.

Mmmmm dinner!

Explain your answer.

What do REMs RADs and Ritogens mean?

You're thinking about looting a house that appears empty,how do you make sure it's REALLY empty?

A city 30 miles away has had a dirty bomb attack, the wind is coming your way at ten miles an hour.

how long before you get dosed?the answer is NOT obvious!

BONUS QUESTION:

Where do you get Potassium Iodide and what is it used for?

Plague and pestilence:

In a black plague outbreak, how long after death must you wait before touching a body of man or beast?

How do you decontaminate a surface from fallout?

What was Typhoid Mary famous for and why?

Is Smallpox still a threat? why?

Gangrene is caused by what?

BONUS QUESTION:

How long do you have to seek treatment after a black widow bite?

Have fun kids.let's see who we need to laugh at and who needs encouragement.

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