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##      MAKING POCKET ROCKETS      ##
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WHAT IS A POCKET ROCKET ?

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A DEVICE MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 1 3/4 INCHES LONG, THAT WHEN PROPERLY MADE WILL FLY 4-8 FEET, IF PROPERLY SET OFF. ALTHOUGH NOT A POWERFUL DEVICE, IT IS WELL SUITED TO ANNOYING YOUR DORM-MATE, OR PERHAPS A CLASSMATE DURING THOSE OFTEN RECURRING SESSIONS OF BOREDOM.

MATERIALS NEEDED

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- 1-PACKET OF MATCHES (CARDBOARD MATCHES, NOT WOODEN ONES)
- 1-PIN (A SMALL ONE, STEAL IT FROM MOMS SEWING BASKET)
- 1-PIECE OF ALUMINUM FOIL, 1 SQUARE INCH FOR EVERY ROCKET (REYNOLDS WRAP)
- 1-PAIR OF SCISSORS (OPTIONAL)
- 1-PAPER CLIP (OPTIONAL)
- 1-CIGARETTEE LIGHTER (OPTIONAL)

MAKING THE LITTLE BUGGERS

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OKAY SO YOU'VE RAIDED THE HOUSE FOR ALL THE STUFF....

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- 1) TAKE THE PACK OF MATCHES APART BY REMOVING THE LITTLE STAPLE AT THE BOTTOM.
- 2) USE THE SCISORS TO CUT OFF A SINGLE MATCH FROM THE BUNCH.
- 3) CUT OUT A 1 INCH SQUARE OF ALUMINUM FOIL AND FOLD IT IN HALF.
- 4) PUT THE HEAD OF THE MATCH IN THE CENTER OF THE CREASE AND PRESS THE FOIL SO IT FORMS AROUND THE HEAD
- 5) WRAP THE REST OF THE FOIL AROUND THE MATCH HEAD AS TIGHTLY AND NEATLY AS POSSIBLE.

NOW U HAVE A MATCH WITH THE HEAD WRAPPED UP IN FOIL, WITH THE FOIL COMING 1/2 INCH DOWN FROM THE HEAD. THIS IS THE WAY YOU'D STORE THEM IF YOU WEREN'T GOING TO FIRE THEM IMMEDIATELY.

\*NOTE\* - NEATNESS COUNTS, TIGHTNESS COUNTS, YES YOU CAN JUST RIP A MATCH OUT, AND RIP FOIL, BUT THE END RESULT WON'T WORK AS WELL.

PREPARATION FOR LAUNCH

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- 1) TAKE THE PIN AND PUSH IT UNDER THE FOIL UNTIL YOU FEEL THE POINT START TO CRUSH THE HEAD. KEEP THE PIN AS CLOSE TO THE MATCH AS POSSIBLE WHEN DOING THIS.
- 2) BEND THE PAPER CLIP TO FORM A 45 DEG ANGLE WITH THE HORIZON, AND SET IT ON A RELATIVELY NON-FLAMMABLE SURFACE, POINTING IN THE DIRECTION YOU WISH TO FIRE THE ROCKET.
- 3) REMOVE THE PIN FROM THE MATCH AND GINGERLY SET THE MATCH ON THE PAPER CLIP, BEING CAREFUL NOT TO CRUSH THE FOIL DOWN (THE PLACE THE PIN WAS IS NOW THE EXHAUST PORT).

LAUNCH

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HEAT THE HEAD OF THE MATCH (THE PART

COVERED WITH FOIL) TILL IGNITION.

NOTES

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NEATNESS ALWAYS COUNTS ON THESE BUGGERS  
, ALWAYS USE SCISSORS WHEN POSSIBLE.  
YOU SHOULD USE A LIGHTER INSTEAD OF A  
MATCH SO U DONT GET SCORCHED FINGERS.  
I HAVE YET TO GET A 2 STAGE ROCKET TO  
FLY, IF YOU DO UPDATE THE FILE. IF ALL  
OF THIS IS TOO COMPLICATED FOR YOU THEN  
PERHAPS PAGE 45 OF 'THE GREAT  
INTERNATIONAL PAPER AIRPLANE BOOK' SAID  
IT BETTER...

"POCKET ROCKET. INSTRUCTIONS: WRAP  
ALUMINUM FOIL AROUND UPPER HALF OF  
PAPER MATCH. PUSH STRAIGHT PIN UP  
UNDER FOIL TO HEAD OF MATCH AND  
REMOVE AGAIN LEAVING EXHAUST  
CHANNEL. PLACE MATCH ON OPENED  
PAPER CLIP AND HOLD LIGHTED MATCH  
TO TIP. STEP BACK."

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