

Charcoal from Maize Cobs

A short guide on how to make charcoal from maize cobs on a small scale while you cook - using no extra resources or fuel



- ① Find a small tin with a lid (the original lid is great, or make one from some scrap metal)

- ② Add in maize cobs until full



Small opening

- ③ Close with lid, making sure it is mostly airtight, but leaving a small space (or making a couple holes) so little bit of air can get in



- ④ Build a three-stone fire as you normally would. Then, place the tin in one of the unused gaps - the lid facing away from the fire - as close to the center as you can.

- ⑤ Cook or warm tea as you normally would - no extra fuel or effort is required!



- ⑥ After you finish cooking (about 10-20 minutes), open the tin and remove the charcoal inside!