

ALTOID/SAS SURVIVAL TIN

I know a lot has been posted on this subject. So I thought I might as post mine in this 'show-n-tell'.



FIGURE 1.

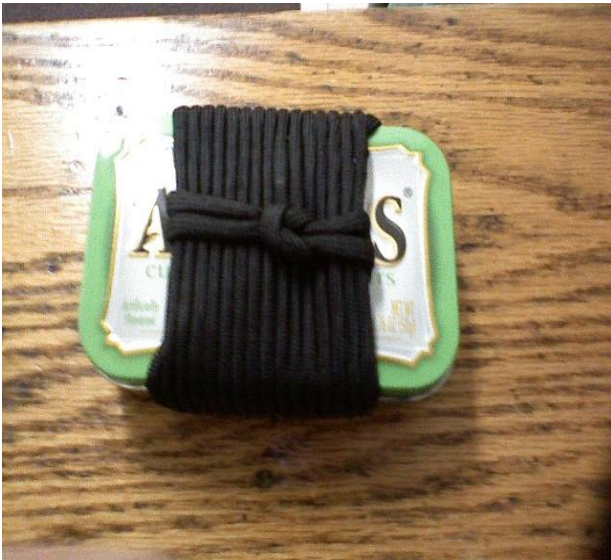
I have 4 components to mine. The entire tin and bags fit in the case and can be worn on your belt. In a worst case scenario, if you become separated from your BOB of the rest of your kit, I have this and a fixed blade knife w/ a magnesium fire starter attached to the sheath.

Here's the contents:

1. Two Heavy duty broiler bags, these will hold boiling water without melting. One I use to hold water and the other can be a spare or used as in a 'solar still' or rain/dew collection bag.
2. The carrying case, looks rough I know, but I never claimed to be Betsy Ross. ☺
3. The survival tin itself w/ 10 feet of '550' cord wrapped around it.



Simple sewing!



This is the method used to wrap your '550' cord around the tin. Similar used to the method used to 'whip' rope ends to keep them from fraying.



This is close-up of the broiler bags, I did some experimenting and filled a 1 quart canteen and poured it into the bag. Crude method of measuring I admit, but this will help when adding any water purification tablets or bleach. I placed the line about 2.5" from the seam.

Again, these bags are designed to be placed in the oven, so you would be able to boil water and store it in these containers.

They are pretty durable, but they can rupture. A technique which may be used is remove your t-shirt and place the bag in the shirt, and using some of the 550 cord, you could improvise a canteen/small pack to carry your water and possibly a small amount of food if you have to take the 'shoe-leather express' to get civilization. Your imagination is the limit! Necessity breeds invention.



All the fixin's

I've tried to keep this as simple and as light as possible. As I said, I still carry a fixed blade knife with a magnesium fire starter, which I would obviously use as my primary source for lighting fires. Here's a list of what I have:

1. 12"x12" 'Heavy duty' aluminum foil.
2. 3-Razor blades.
3. 2-Band aids.
4. 4-Alcohol prep pads. (Can also be used as tinder).
5. Small button compass.
6. 30' Fishing line. (I prefer Spyder line, can be used as a thread as well.)
7. 6- hooks, 6- sinkers, a couple of different lures.
8. 8' wire for snares.
9. Pencil and paper. For sketch maps, notes, etc..
10. 2-Safety pins and 1-yarn needle for sewing.
11. 5' duct tape wrapped around pencil.
12. 2 pieces Firesticks for kindling. (Substitute Mayan Dust or any other tinder).
13. 12 Waterproof matches w/ striker.
14. 1 spare saw blade from Gerber multi-tool for general cutting.

These are the items that I've found work for me. You can customize it and 'tweak' it even more to your needs. Good luck!