How To Make Waterproof Mini-Straw Firestarters

We have done lots of posts about DIY firestarters (search firestarter on the K.W.N search), but I think these little waterproof straw firestarters might just be the best yet. You could also use larger straws, or even just make them a little longer. To make these firestarters waterproof you simply melt each end of the straw a bit and pinch it closed so it seals.

When using these straw firestarters, you can either directly light the end of the straw if you have a lighter etc, but if you are using a firesteel or going primitive, you'll want to snipe the end off and pull out a little of the cotton wool to take a spark. They might not be the most eco choice, but these little firestarters are awesome, they are super easy to make, cost next to nothing, and they are very effective. Check out the tutorial below to see how to make them.

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