

PINE RESIN GLUE

Many Coniferous trees produce resin which is sticky and dries into a brittle substance.

It is generally believed that the trees produce this resin as a defence against insects and infection.

It can easily be collected with a blunt knife and also by scoring the bark to encourage a flow of resin and can be collected in a vessel fixed beneath the bark wound. It is less time consuming to just move from tree to tree collecting older, crusted resin.

This ancient glue is good for many bushcraft jobs such as arrow fletchings, spear heads and reinforcing cordage.

Remove as much bark debris as possible before and during the melting process.



The resin is melted in a pot with an equal amount of charcoal which strengthens the glue and a little bees wax will stop it becoming too brittle when dry. The fibrous contents of rabbit droppings will also strengthen the glue. The melting resin is very flammable and solid resin is an excellent fire starter.

Collect the hot glue onto a stick so you have a portable glue stick.

