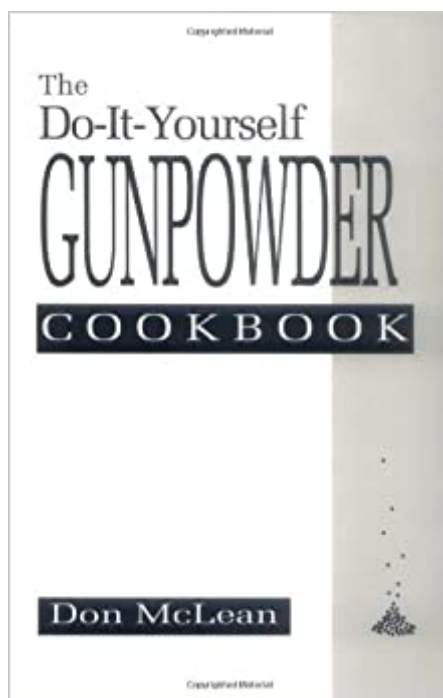


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The Do-it-Yourself Gunpowder Cookbook



Synopsis

Learn how to make gunpowder from such items as dead cats, whiskey, your living room ceiling, manure and maple syrup with simple hand tools and techniques that have been used for centuries. This is a practical and safe approach to making the oldest propellant/explosive known. For information purposes only.

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Yes, you can make your own gunpowder. But, unless you have access to tons of manure or a good quantity of already distilled salt peter, you aren't going to make much of it. I like thinking about how this was discovered in the first place, and that's covered in this book. This isn't rocket science, but it's not totally simple either. You could accidentally blow yourself up if you weren't careful. This won't be 'smokeless' powder either. This will make the 'fog of war'.

Gunpowder is relatively simple to make, and a true advantage in any survival situation. That said - "how do you get the materials needed to construct gunpowder once the grid has gone down". The author provides a history of the process and details various ways to obtain the necessary items directly from nature. Of course, none of these methods are easy, but they are all doable. This was a great little book and should be a welcome addition to any survival library.

This is a very interesting read in my opinion. It gives some actual ways to make gunpowder - though

I believe you would have to be a die-hard student of self-sufficiency and a "prepper" to actually do any of the recipes given.

The author's main theme is that for survival, do whatever is necessary. Home-made black powder is for survival. If you wish to experiment, go buy the commercial product. As a kid, the few experiments made toward black powder were failures. But the subject remained interesting. When a friend wanted help cleaning his guns, I volunteered. Among them was an c. 1868 Snyder Enfield, a black powder rifle, the first cartridge rifle of the British Empire. Then this book appeared. Not only do I now know why my early experiments failed but how lucky I was. Black powder is a safe substance when handled properly but mistakes are easily made and dangerous. The author details the most common from static electricity to mechanical pressure. He also describes the wet mix techniques that are in modern use since c. 1780. A short monograph easily read in a sitting. And as easily re-read for understanding.

Not enough detail on the subject. However the little there is in this 73 page book is good.

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