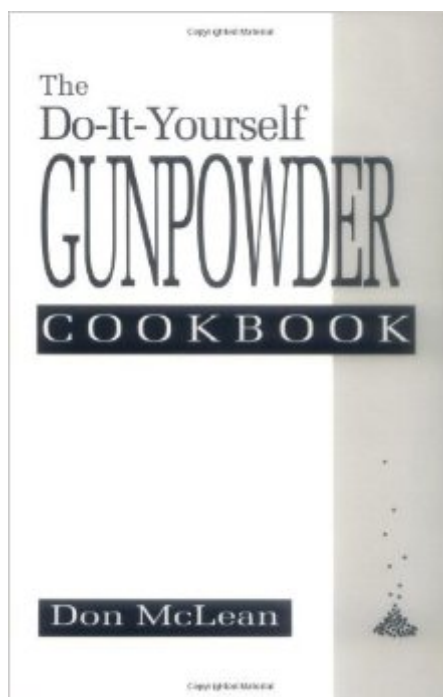


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# The Do-it-Yourself Gunpowder Cookbook



## 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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I've read some drivel that the processes in this book are too hard to follow, or that they take too long to bear fruit. Look, if you don't want to leach out potassium nitrate, go buy it. I won't tell you where I get it, but if you're making gunpowder you should be resourceful enough to find your own. Charcoal shouldn't be a problem, and you can order large quantities of sulfur for a good price. Also, you can buy all of these items, follow the processes in the book for putting it together, and still pay less for black powder than you would at the store. It's kind of funny, but I had more success with the sugar and rust recipe than with the traditional black powder. The burn rate was absolutely amazing, and the noise from my fence post driver cannon was too. The only reason that the techniques for resting all the ingredients from the earth were included in the book was to give you an idea of how to make powder from the ground up IF YOU HAD TO. You can easily go buy the ingredients, skip to the recipe pages of the book, and make gunpowder. I wouldn't recommend it though, because it's a very interesting book. I'd say the most important part of the book are the safety rules. I can personally attest to the importance of these. Just remember, someday you will accidentally ignite this stuff. It's a fact. So keep your batches small and separated. Also, if you're making over fifty

pounds of it you might consider an explosives manufacturing license.

This book delivers. It has valuable recipes to make your own black powder and a sugar related substitute. This book also means it when it says to make everything from scratch. How to make your own charcoal, getting sulfur from unlikely places, and "Growing" a salt peter bed. Its not a thick book by no means but if you someday find yourself in the situation where you need to make all of these components from scratch this is a great book to have. Just a quick little bit of help. Just because your compost pile is nitre bearing earth your going to be hard pressed to produce salt peter. your better off building a nitre bed like the author describes.

This book tells you exactly how to make gunpowder from manure, wood, baserock and many other simple around the house and free from the land type materials. I found this book very useful and informative.

The book is ok, and I am glad to have it as an additional reference. However, it copies the black powder and red-or-white propellant recipes from the Army manual TM 31-210, Improvised Munitions Handbook. If you can only afford one book, buy the Army manual, which is also readily available on .

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.

This book is a must have for anyone serious about survival after the crap hits the fan. As a retired Special Operations veteran I was taught the basics of the information contained in the book. I have the book in my bug out library as a resource for family in my absence. I have tested most of the

methods provided and the chemistry is spot on. Thanks to the author.

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 study of self sufficiency and a "prepper" to actually do any of the recipes given.

Got this as a gift for my husband who is taking gunsmithing courses & also ex-military. He never reads for pleasure & I often catch him with this book in his hand (open), so there must be something worthwhile to it. He said he really likes it & it's easy to understand, & the materials required for the recipes listed are easily accessible to anybody...

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