

MAKE YOUR OWN SURVIVAL WHISTLE

In *Off the Track*, Harry's perfect life strays way off-track and into the Australian bush for a weekend of tramping around stinking-hot, snake-filled scrub. Harry doesn't have a phone, but you can help him and his new friend Deepika by creating this handy survival whistle instead. You never know, it might just save your life.



STEP ONE: cut out the rectangle

STEP TWO:

fold it in half and then fold the two outside edges towards the centre to form a concertina shape

STEP THREE:

cut two triangles into the middle fold

STEP FOUR:

with your fingers pressing it flat to your face, squeeze the two sides of the whistle together and blow hard*

*Can't make a sound? Make sure you're holding the whistle firmly against your face. Start with the whistle squeezed closed between your fingers, then slowly open. Why does it work? As the air escapes through the hole in your whistle, it causes the two layers of paper to vibrate back and forth very quickly. This is what makes the sound. Investigate! Design your own survival whistle. Try different sizes, a different number of holes or different blowing techniques. Which whistle works best?

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