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How They Built Houses in the Old Days

They used to cut down trees and break up logs and split them. They typically tidy up the boards so they can set up a shack of basswood. They remove the bark and they say it often warps when they take off the bark so they typically relap it. Then they say the water would never go through it. They make a fireplace of stone big enough to be handy.

They never used to use matches to make a fire. All they had burning was their fire since they had no lamps. There was usually a wire across for cooking. There would be kettles hanging for cooking. If the fire goes out, they usually borrow it from another house. They say they would run over carrying the fire in some fire container and when they get back, they prepare the fire to make the sparks blaze again. It must have been rare for the fire to go out since they were so careful because there was a lot of wood around.

In those days when it got dark, they would put a big block of wood on. In the morning it would still be burning so they would just stir it and they could start the fire up again. If they had to go away all day, then before they left, they put on a big block of wood and it would be burning all day.