

# Aboriginal inventions: The Firestick

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# What is Firestick farming?

Firestick farming is like the controlled fires we have now days, but instead aboriginal people's version. It is a normal stick with fire at the tip and you make a trail of fire with it.



# What is it made from and how was it made?

Firesticks are made of normal wooden sticks scraped with another stick to light the tip on fire. Then, you were meant to hold the other part of the stick that wasn't on fire.



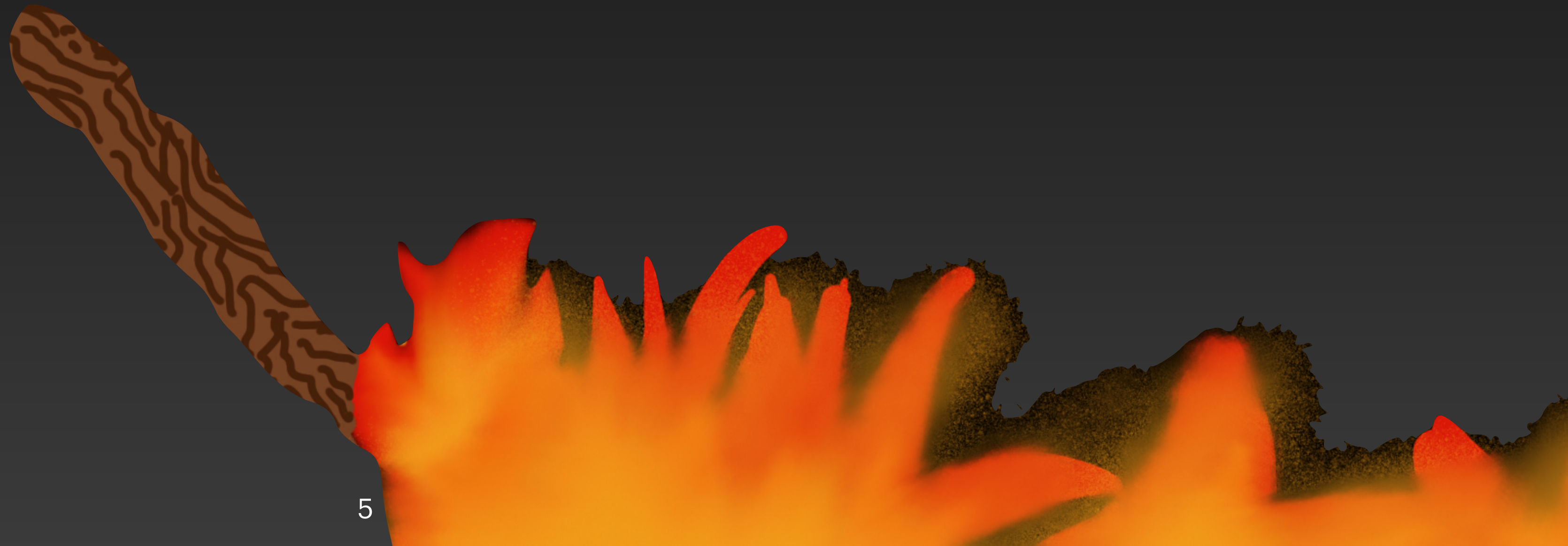
# What was it used for?

Firestick farming was used for controlling fires and making sure the land wouldn't be all crusty and ready to start an even bigger fire that is uncontrollable.



# How was it used?

You simply hold the part of the stick that isn't in flames and drag it across dry grass and weeds. After the dry forage has burned down, you drench the flames in water to put the fire out



# What do people use for the same purpose today?

Firestick farming has been replaced by controlled fires today. We light a small fire, let the land around it burn, and eventually put the fire out, like what the aboriginal people used to do.



# Was it used in all aboriginal tribes?

The answer is no, Firestick farming was only used by Noongar People tribe in now known as Perth. It is unknown what the other tribes used in it's place.

