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## DIRECTIVE

### F.A.O. WILLIAM

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This book contains the collective knowledge of the Survivors.

Who are the Survivors? We're an underground group of survival experts who have been around since the early days of Alpha. Our objectives? To find cunning new ways to deal with hostile mobs and enemy players. To survive longer than anyone else. To be the best.

You're probably wondering why you've never heard of us William. It's because we're THAT good. We're experts at covert ops. Misdirection is our middle name. We're invisible right up until the moment we want you to see us.

Our activities are numerous: ops to eliminate growing threats, surveillance missions to assess potential new settlement locations, base development, large-scale weapons production, practical munitions training, hand-to-hand combat and group raids. And that's just our mornings.

Our successes are undeniably impressive: we've battled the Overworld mobs, dealt with enemy factions, set up bases in the Nether and defeated the ender dragon multiple times.

Around here I'm known as The Chief - leader and founding member of the Survivors. I've documented our experiences so we can pass our knowledge

on to the next generation. The following pages contain our most cunning plans and our most ingenious inventions. We may be young, but don't let our age mislead you; we've been stuck between a block and a hard place more times than we can count, and always manage to dig ourselves out.

The fact that you even discovered this book tells us that you have the potential to make it - we hid it well to be sure that only the most deserving would find it. Congratulations, William - you are now the proud owner of the definitive guide to survival. Study it carefully, let it inspire you and you might just stay alive as long as we have.

*The Chief*

THE CHIEF



## — CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND ARMOUR —

### A SURVIVAL EXPERT'S ESSENTIALS

Survival rule number one: make lots of weapons. Swords, bows and arrows are a survival expert's essentials, and enchanting them will make them stronger.

#### ENCHANTMENTS

Unbreaking will increase the lifespan of bows and swords, saving you time and resources. We also recommend fire aspect for swords, to set your enemy on fire, and punch for your bows, to increase the knockback.

#### ARROWS

A lot of people don't know this William, but the spectral arrow is life-changing. Shoot it at your enemy and they'll be outlined in an eerie, glowing light, allowing you to track their movements with ease. They're crafted from a regular arrow and glowstone dust, which means a trip to the Nether, but it'll be worth it when you meet a creeper in a dark cave or on a midnight emergency resource run.



FIG. 1.  
Spectral arrow crafting recipe.

Give your arrows a deadly upgrade - tip them with harmful potions to deal even more damage. You can choose from poison, weakness, harming and slowness. Just combine eight arrows and the lingering potion in your crafting grid. These effects can last for up to three minutes - more than long enough to do some damage.

## ARMOUR

First impressions are critical; show your enemy who they're dealing with by kitting yourself out in a full set of enchanted diamond armour. This doesn't just give you maximum protection, it sends a message that you're both knowledgeable and in possession of the best materials.

Use your shield to make a personal statement - combine it with your favourite banner and it'll help you cultivate an overall air of impressiveness.



FIG. 2.  
Shield recipe. All you need is an iron ingot and wood planks.

You'll slow to sneaking pace when using a shield, but we've found that it reduces melee attacks to 33% and projectiles do no damage at all so it's a small price to pay.



FIG. 3.  
Lookin' good.

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## PRACTICAL MUNITIONS

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### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HAVE NO ACTUAL WEAPONS

Things don't always go to plan William, and sometimes you'll be unable to craft a new sword or replenish your stock of arrows when you need to. At moments like these, the art of practical munitions can save your life. This involves some initiative on your part – you'll need to take non-combat materials from your immediate environment and turn them into deadly weapons.

#### WATER BUCKET

A simple water bucket can knock your opponents backwards, buying you valuable time to make a run for it.

#### FISHING ROD

Caught off guard on a fishing expedition? Use your rod to knock your attacker backwards, then hook them like a fish and drop them over a cliff or into lava to get rid of them.



FIG. 4.  
Successful employment of fishing rod to deal with zombie.

#### CHICKEN EGGS

Light on weapons and in possession of too many baking ingredients? Use your chicken eggs to knock attackers backwards. Keep a slot free in your inventory so you can collect the eggs you find on your travels – they turn up in the unlikeliest of places.

## SNOWBALLS

In snowy areas you can craft snowballs and use them to knock attackers backwards. If you don't live in a snowy biome, invest in a snow golem to ensure you have a constant supply of snow. Craft it from two blocks of snow and a pumpkin head, shut it in a room in your base and pick up the trail of snow it leaves as it shuffles around.

FIG. 5.9  
Snow golem in residence at the Survivors' Secret Base.



## SAND AND GRAVEL

Stuck in a desert with no wood to craft new weapons? Catch your enemy off-guard with a falling sand trap. You'll need to lure them to your chosen spot, remove any supporting blocks (torches work well for this) and let your sand fall. This trick also works with gravel.



FIG. 5.10  
Enemy in position underneath large quantity of sand supported by torches.



FIG. 5.11  
Torches removed, enemy buried in sand.

If you ever find yourself on the receiving end of an ambush like this one William, place a torch or button on the block to the side of your head to break the falling sand and give you space to breathe.

End of Sample.