

Bambaw

safety razor

User manual





GLAD TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD!

Thank you for purchasing the Bambaw Safety Razor and contributing to make our planet a better place. Single-use plastic products are harmful to the environment, being difficult to recycle and taking centuries to degrade.

Dropping plastic products takes courage and we are excited to be on this zero-waste journey together. We know it isn't always easy, but you are doing great and we love that!

If you have any issues regarding your order or the product, don't hesitate to contact us and we will do whatever we can to help you.

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HELLO!

At Bambaw we want you to get the best out of our products. Our journey together continues a long way after your purchase, replacing wasteful products, step by step.

The following pages will lead you to useful tips & tricks on how to get the most out of your safety razor. The last part invites you to share improvement suggestion and to get involved with Bambaw and the zero-waste movement. Make sure to check it out!

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YOUR SAFETY RAZOR

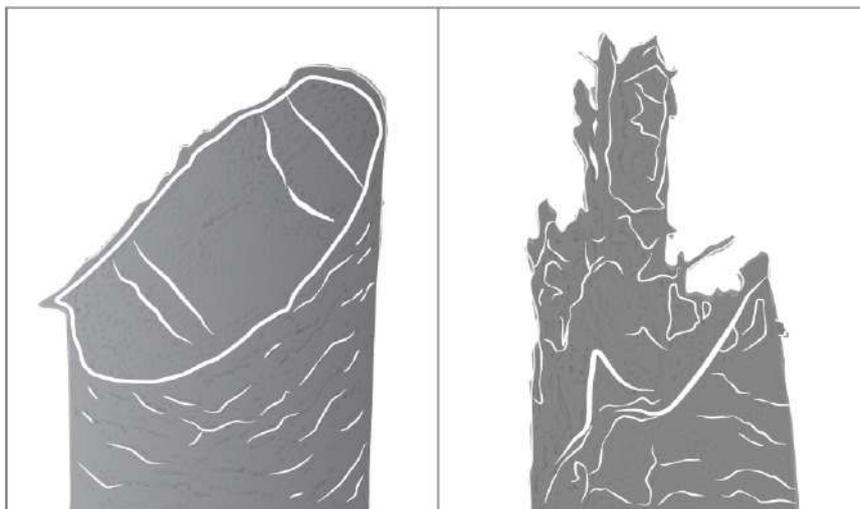
Thank you for making the eco conscious choice of switching to the Bambaw double-edged safety razor.

The Bambaw razor has a 100% natural, sustainably grown bamboo handle, and is complemented by a stainless-steel safety guard and trimmings. The result is a durable, sustainable safety razor that far outlives conventional razors. In fact, if cared for correctly, your new razor can serve you for decades. With this switch you help reduce the number of disposable razors that end up in landfills and pollute our environment.

With the right tips and advice, we trust our safety razor to be the most sustainable option for both men and women. In this manual, you will learn how to get that perfect close, clean shave on all areas of your body, as well as tips on how to make your blades last longer and recycling responsibly. Two home-made shaving soap and cream recipes are also included at the end of this user manual.

Advantages of switching to a safety razor

After switching from a disposable razor to a safety razor you'll wonder why you never switched sooner! Recently, the trend has been the more blades the merrier. The issue with more blades is that they end up cutting the hair beneath the skin, increasing the risk of ingrown hairs. By switching, you will notice that you have less ingrown hairs and your skin will be generally, less irritated. Having only one blade is healthier for your skin than 3, 4 or even 5 blades doing the same job!

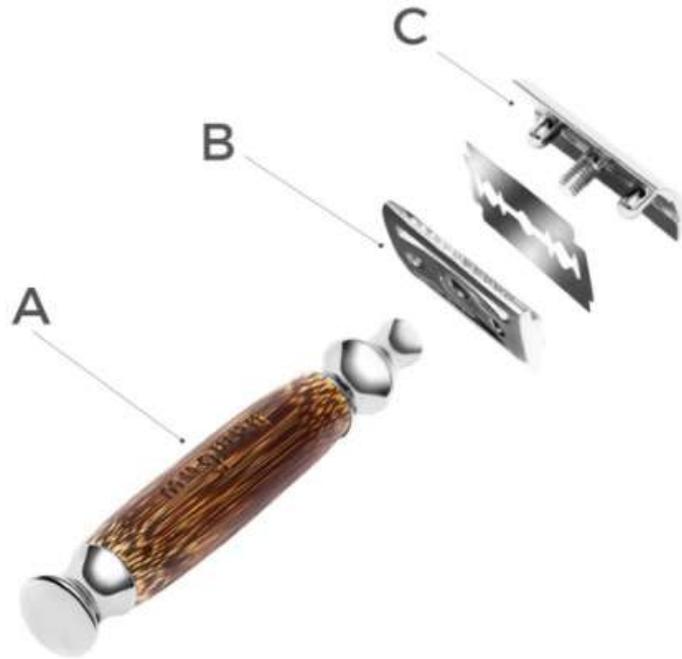


Double Edge Razor

Cartridge Razor



HOW TO ASSEMBLE THE RAZOR



1. Unscrew your bamboo razor anti clockwise
2. Separate sections A, B & C
3. Carefully take a blade from the packet and peel off the wrapping.
4. Always carry the blade by the shorter edges
5. Place the blade onto section C
6. Place section B on top of the blade and section C.
7. Assemble together onto section A
8. Screw razor back together by twisting the bamboo handle NOT the razor



SHAVING TIPS

Switching to a double edge safety razor can be a little unsettling at first, especially those of us with sensitive skin. But don't worry! Bambaw's safety razor is equipped with a safety guard, meaning you can use it for the same areas you would normally shave. Just remember these key tips:

Use a shaving brush and soap bar, or shave cream. You can whip up a foam by dabbing the brush into the shaving soap in a circular motion. Apply the soap or shaving cream to the skin in an upward motion. The brush helps the hairs to stand tall, making them easier to cut.

Go slow. Shaving with a safety razor is not difficult, you just need a few "test runs" to make a smooth transition and break bad shaving habits. The biggest mistake is to shave with a safety razor as though it were a disposable razor.

Take care over bony parts. The razor has a safety guard but does not pivot like a disposable razor. Pull loose skin around areas like your knees, ankles and jaw line tight to avoid any cuts or nicks.



HOW TO GET THE PERFECT SHAVE

Ensure that the area you want to shave is thoroughly wet. This is one of the main secrets to a great close shave without irritation or razor burn. Hair that is swollen with water becomes weaker, and easier to cut.

Use a soap or shaving cream that is rich and creamy. You want the cream to soak into your hair, allowing the blade to run smoothly over your skin. Less resistance, less irritation and less nicks also mean a longer lasting blade!

Make sure the blade is sharp. A dull razor is one of the main causes of razor burn and shaving rash. Regardless of the number of shaves, if the blade becomes dull, replace it. (See Stropping)

Rinse the razor head under hot water before you begin: Rinse again after every few swipes to remove accumulated shaving cream and hairs.

Hold the razor at a 30° angle: Keep the angle of the head of the razor at about 30 degrees to the surface of the skin.

Take short and smooth strokes: A safety razor doesn't have a pivot head like disposable razors do, so keep this in mind and favour short strokes over long ones. Especially when shaving bony parts.

Let the razor do the work: You do not need to apply much pressure. In fact, applying too much pressure is generally when people cut themselves. Just let the weight of the handle do the work!

Now rinse with cool water. Use the coolest water that is comfortable and pat your skin dry with a clean towel. (Don't rub! Just pat).

Armpits

To get to those tricky spots in your armpits you can use the "three-way pass" method. A three-way pass typically means going "with the grain" on the first pass, "across the grain" with the second pass and "against the grain" with the third and final pass. If you have sensitive skin or are prone to irritation, then skip this final step.

Note: "grain" = natural direction of hair growth.



AFTER SHAVE TREATMENT

Essentially, a closer shave and no gel strips means you need to pay more attention to after-shave care. As there are fewer oil producing glands, the skin on most parts of our body is typically dryer than the skin on our face.

If you are shaving your face we recommend using an after shave that has a high concentration of natural antiseptics. Such as tea tree oil. Rosemary Oil is also a good option as it is naturally antibacterial and has a great woody scent.

If you are shaving your body, moisturising after shaving will reduce any dryness. Ensure you use a moisturizer that has been tried and tested by you, especially if you have sensitive skin. If in doubt, we recommend natural oils such as coconut, avocado, argan or jojoba oil, which will rehydrate and soothe your skin.





TIPS ON CARE & LONGEVITY

Looking after your skin and your blades goes hand in hand in extending the life of your razor.

Remember, using warm water before shaving opens the pores and softens the hair, and using shaving cream or soap will go a long way in preserving the sharpness of your blades. Here are a few tips on how to care for your razor, and extend the life of your blades.

Drying

A simple habit that can make an enormous difference is to dry your razor thoroughly after each use. Indeed, blades degrade from moisture (microscopic rusting), not so much from the actual friction with hair. Making sure your razor blade is dry after each shave will increase the lifespan of the blade tremendously.

Follow these simple steps to dry your razor:

1. Shake it up: With a loose wrist, shake the razor vigorously for several seconds to dislodge water droplets from blades.
2. Towel it off: Dab (don't rub) the razor head on a towel or dry washcloth.
3. Disassemble if not in use: If you don't shave often, we recommend that you disassemble the blade from the razor after each use to ensure it dries properly.

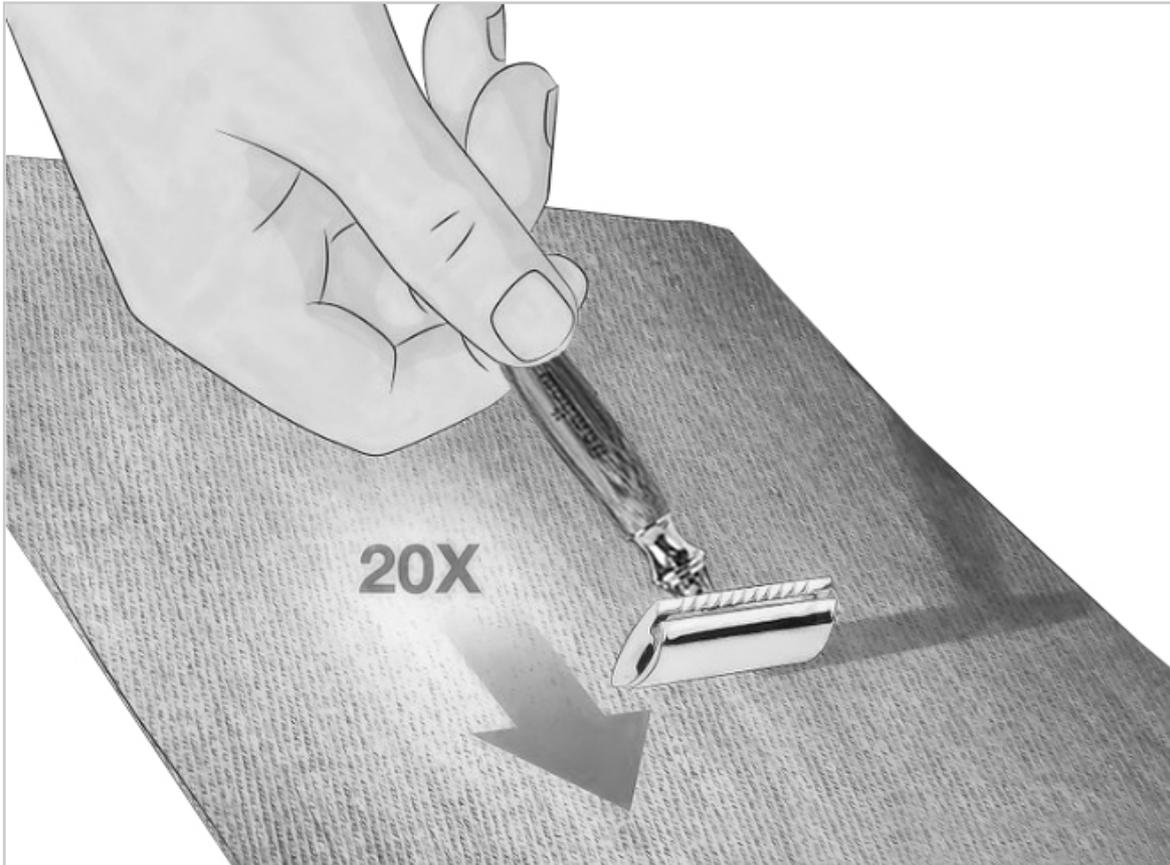
Cleaning

Every few weeks, we recommend giving it a good clean with hot water. Making sure you reach all the joints and corners. It's also wise to clean your shaving brush if you are using one. Simply rinse under water with a drop of soap or shampoo to remove oil and residue.

Stropping

Stropping helps to extend the life of your blade. All you need is a pair of jeans!

Make sure your blade is clean and dry. Simply run each side of the blade down the jean leg 15 – 20 times at a 30° angle. Then, flip it over and repeat.



Storing

We recommend storing the razor in a dry place, as moisture causes the blades to go dull faster. However, you could also soak the head of the razor in a small cup of baby oil or mineral oil after each shave. This will prevent the blade from rusting.

Special care

We recommend oiling the razor handle every few months. Apply walnut oil, coconut oil or almond oil to a rag. Do not use olive oil as it goes rancid too quickly. Rub a liberal amount into the wood. Wipe off excess and allow to set overnight before using it.



HOW TO RECYCLE BLADES SAFELY & RESPONSIBLY

The time to change your blade is different for everyone and completely depends on how thick your hair is, how often you shave and your own personal preference. We recommend not to try and push the boundaries too much as this may result in razor burn or irritation. Generally, you will find your own ideal moment through time and experimentation. However, some tips:

1. Be very careful not to cut your fingers when replacing a dull blade.
2. Always remember to place fingers on the shorter edges of the blade or by holding the guard.
3. Keep your fingers in the one spot and unscrew from the bamboo handle
4. Replace with a clean fresh blade using the steps from 'How to Assemble'

Once you have your first blunt blade it is important that you dispose of this safely, so you don't accidentally hurt yourself or anyone else.

Simply get an old can of soda and place dull blades straight into the opening! This safely keeps them stored where no one can cut themselves. Once full, just recycle according to your city's local recycling programs.



BAMBAW IS ABOUT YOU! GET INVOLVED

We need you! The zero-waste movement is growing, and we are very grateful for this.

Still, many shops, event, bars, restaurants... are not yet part of the journey.

Become an ambassador and promote the Bambaw products. Tell them that alternatives are available, more than often they are eager to collaborate but just too busy to search for alternatives. Of course, if you get them involved we will reward you for your contribution.

You are awesome, make your voice count!

- Show your Bamboo straw to the bartender
- Talk to shop owners lacking zero-waste swaps
- Get in touch to get our ambassador tips

Any questions or suggestions? Make sure to get in touch by e-mail through info@bambaw.com Facebook or Instagram. We would love to hear from you.



RECIPES

If your skin is on the dryer side we recommend using our homemade shaving cream recipe as this will leave your skin intensely moisturized, but not greasy. Alternatively, if you have naturally oily skin we recommend making the Natural homemade shaving soap recipe as this will be gentle on your skin without adding any more natural oils.

NATURAL HOMEMADE SHAVING SOAP

Ingredients

- 1 bar of natural, handcrafted soap (store bought regular soaps don't work!)
- 1 tbsp olive or almond oil or aloe vera gel
- 1-2 tbsp white clay, French clay, kaolin, or cosmetic clay

You can add a few drops of essential oils if you wish, to add a personal scent.

Instructions

1. Grate soap and on low heat, melt soap down with oil or aloe vera. It will take a while, so be patient and stir often.
2. Once melted, stir in the cosmetic clay (this makes a richer lather and is great for the skin).
3. Pour into moulds. You can use cardboard or old mugs and let set for several days until it re-hardens. This will last many months and strengthen more over time.

HOMEMADE SHAVING CREAM

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Shea Butter
- 1/2 cup Coconut Oil
- 1/4 cup Aloe Vera
- optional: essential oils (about 15-20 drops) e.g. tea tree, eucalyptus or peppermint oil for a cooling effect. Lavender, citrus, chamomile or geranium for a sweet scent or cedar, patchouli, juniper or ginger for a more mellow aroma. You can even create your own by mixing some together! Make sure to do a test on the inside of your wrist first to see if your skin likes it.

Instructions

1. Add the Shea butter, coconut oil and Aloe vera to a bowl on top of a pot of simmering water. This keeps it from the direct heat of the stove, heating it gently.
2. Heat up the ingredients until the mixture has completely melted and combined.
3. Strain the mixture to remove any lumps from the aloe vera plant.
4. Add essential oils (if using) and mix all together.
5. Put the mixture into the refrigerator until completely solidified.
6. Use a standing or hand-held mixer to whip the shaving cream into white, fluffy peaks (about 2-3 minutes)
7. Scoop into containers, jars or (anything you've got lying around) and store at room temperature.
8. Use and enjoy!

Note

This recipe has a shelf life of 3–4 months. This shaving cream is designed to be extremely moisturising. If it is too greasy for you, simply rinse after use and wipe your skin with a towel to remove any excess or try the shaving soap instead. The composition of the cream may react differently to different climates.

“ Each one of us can make
a difference. Together we
make change. ”

- Barbara Mikulski -

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