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Ginger Tea Pack

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A Ginger tea pack is a simple home treatment for **congestion** in any part of the body - particularly dry cough with **thick**, **sticky phlegm** in lungs or sinuses. It may help with stiff, sore muscles or swollen lymph glands. It is cheap, (probably under \$5 for the ginger) and takes 2-3 hours. It is easy if you have a friend to help you. Evening before bed is best, so you can rest deeply.

What you will need:

- a big piece of fresh ginger root
- a grater
- a big pot
- a stove
- a sink
- 3 medium bath towels
- 2 large bath towels
- a bed, blankets, & pillow

How to do it:

- 1. Fill big **pot** with water.
- 2. Bring water to a **boil**, turn heat to low.
- 3. **Grate** the ginger, put it in the pot.
- 4. **Simmer** on low for 2 hours with **lid** on.
- 5. Keep pot on low heat. Put folded towel on top of pot to keep it warm.
- 6. Put big bath towel on bed & smaller towel on pillow (to catch drips).
- 7. Patient may drink some hot herbal tea or ginger tea.
- 8. Have "patient" lie on the towels on the **bed**.
- 9. Keep patient **comfortably warm** with blankets.
- 10. Hold both ends of towel & twist it into a spiral shape.
- 11. **Dip** middle of towel into ginger tea without your hands touching the hot tea.
- 12. **Twist** towel until it doesn't drip.
- 13. Carefully open hot towel & lay it on patient's chest (sinus or wherever).
- 14. Towel should be **hot but not scalding**.
- 15. Cover wet towel with big fuzzy bath towel to keep the heat in.
- 16. Leave hot towel on approx. 5 minutes or until it is no longer hot.
- 17. Dip another towel in cold water from cold tap. Wring out so it doesn't drip.
- 18. Remove first wet towel, apply cold towel for approx. 1 minute.
- 19. Remove cold towel, apply freshly dipped hot ginger towel.
- 20. Alternate 5 min hot, 1 min cold, until all hot tea is gone.
- 21. Cover patient comfortably & let them sleep.



What you may expect:

Relief from pain and congestion, easier breathing in lung and sinus areas. Some people have coughed up loosened phlegm the next day, others have had runny noses for a week or more. **Increased energy and vitality** are common results.

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