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## The Art of Hand Rolling Your own Cigarette

With

the state of the recent economy and with talks of legislators adding more taxes to cigarettes, you might have noticed that your wallet is taking more of a hit in the recent days when indulging in your favorite vice. In America, the average price for a pack of cigarettes is now approximately \$5.95, including taxes. There is a cheaper alternative, however: rolling your own cigarette, more commonly known as r.y.o. ("roll-your-own").

Before

the invention of the cigarette-making machine in the 1880s, people all over the world hand-rolled cigarettes by themselves. As cigarette production become more and more mechanized, hand-rolling your own cigarettes fell by the wayside. However, as a recent trend, rolling your own cigarettes has made a small, yet healthy comeback.

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are many advantages to hand-rolled cigarettes: they are cheaper, more customizable (you can choose how much you want to smoke in one sitting), and, usually, more natural (i.e., they don't have the same chemical additives that cigarettes made by machines have). Also, another not-as-evident advantage is that it is a great ice-breaker. When someone sees you rolling your own cigarettes on the street, they might be naturally inclined to assume that you are participating in an illegal activity, prompting them to approach you and ask questions. This allows for a bit of friendly banter and also, spreading r.y.o. awareness.

R.y.o.

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online that specialize in just that: cheaper, natural, and customizable cigarettes.

As

of yet, r.y.o. tobacco has been free of the taxes that plague the pre-made cigarettes industry. There have been talks, however, in states such as Connecticut, that r.y.o tobacco and its retailers should not be free of those very taxes. Before that comes to fruition, you should make sure to visit your nearest

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website and be on your way to becoming a r.y.o. smoker!

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