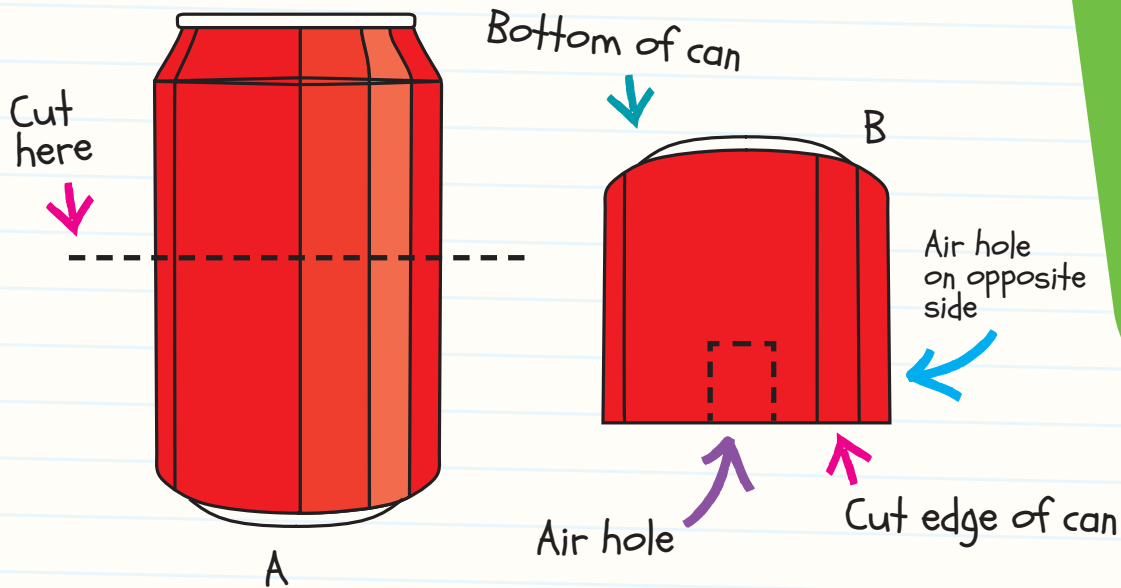




Can cooker



Aim of activity

Hungry? You can't just turn on the stove in the wild. Learn how to turn a drinks can into a mini cooker. This could be a life saver.

What you'll get out of it

- Learn an outdoor cooking technique
- Develop knife skills

What you'll need

- Craft knives or scissors
- Matches
- Something to eat that you can heat up easily, such as baked beans or pineapple chunks
- Cutting boards

Per girl:

- A clean, dry drinks can
- A tea light





Stay safe: knife safety



- Always direct the knife away from your body when cutting.
- Always use a cutting or chopping board.
- Always hold firmly onto what you are cutting.
- Keep your fingers away from the blade.
- If you drop the knife, do not try to catch it. Step back and pick it up once it has landed.

What to do

- 1** You should each have a can, tea light, knife or scissors and a cutting board.
- 2** Using a craft knife or scissors, very carefully pierce a hole in the middle of the can and then use this hole to cut your can in half across the middle (see picture A on the front of this card). Recycle the end with the ring pull.
- 3** Cut a 2cm x 2cm hole at the cut edge of the can (see picture B), then cut another on the opposite side. These will give the candle an air supply.
- 4** Now take your can, tea light and food outside and imagine you are in the wild.
- 5** Light the tea light and put your can over the candle with the curved base facing upwards. Be careful, as the can will start to get hot.
- 6** This is your stove! Test it out by putting some food in the curved base to heat up. You can use baked beans, pineapple chunks or anything you like.
- 7** It may take a few minutes to get warm, but once it's ready – have a taste! Eating hot food is a great way to keep warm when you are outside.

Take it further

Try using the unused half of your can as a bowl to heat food in by placing it on top of your stove. How well does it work?

Why not try building a mini fire instead of using a candle?