

Coffee Can Stove

You can make different kinds of stoves from materials found around the home. A coffee can stove, using an empty coffee or #10 can and a heat source, is one of the easiest to make. It can be used to cook food directly on the top of the can or with a pan.

Supplies and Tools:

- 1 clean, empty, coffee-sized #10 can with one end removed
- Punch-style can opener
- Sheet metal shears



Instructions:

1. Use the can opener to punch vent holes about 1½ to 2 inches apart around the side of the can near the end still intact.



It will take a lot of pressure since the can is not designed to be punched on the side.

2. Continue to punch vent holes all the way around the side of the can.



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3. Use the sheet metal shears to cut a slit from the open end of the can up the side about 3 to 4 inches.



4. Cut another slit of the same length about 4 inches from the first slit.



- Bend the resulting flap up to create a large vent. Use caution bending the flap. The sides of the metal are very sharp.

5. Cut another vent of the same size on the opposite side of the can and bend the flap up as well.



6. The stove is now finished.



Be sure to only use the stove on top of a fire proof surface.

To use indoors, put the stove over an emergency candle or can of chafing gel fuel.

To use outdoors, put the stove over a lit pile of charcoal or a small wood fire. Feed the fire from the large vents at the bottom.

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