

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.



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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.



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



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6. The stove is now finished.



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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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