

OPENING A CAN WITHOUT A CAN OPENER

Okay, a little survival training coming your way. Let's imagine you're on a two-day hiking and climbing trip to scale Eagle Heights Mountain, and you get half way up and start to get hungry.

You reach for your can of soup and then disaster strikes! No can opener. Are you going to trek all the way home to get one?

No. You're going to improvise.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

We are going to attempt Method Two. Get a can, and rub it on a large rock. If you are at home, the drive way will work just fine, just don't mark up the drive if you have a beautifully finished driveway.

If you want to attempt Method One you must do this with strict parental oversight, and you want a strong knife with a good point and probably a fixed blade. One bad slip or blade/knife break could cut your hand very badly, so you need to do this with care and permission.

• **Method one:** If you have a strong knife, you can puncture the can, stab through the edge of the can again and again to open it up. The bad thing about this is that it does take some strength and a good knife and I have broken knife tips doing this.

• **Method two:** This takes a little less effort, but will take more time. In the factory, the lid seam is spot welded, so if we can rub away the seam, we may still get soup for dinner. Simply find the flattest large rock you can, and run the top of the can back and forth.

After a short time, you'll see the distinction of the two metal pieces that are butted against each other.



After a bit more rubbing, you should be able to get the lid to just fall off.