



Can Cooker

This activity is a 'UMA' from the Have Adventures (green) theme. It counts for 30 minutes - remember you eventually need to have 300 minutes of UMA's for each theme.

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.

What you'll need:

- Scissors or a craft knife
- A clean, dry drinks can
- Matches
- A tea light
- A cutting board
- Something to eat that you can heat up easily, such as baked beans or pancake mix.

Stay safe:

- 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.
- Remember the edges of the can will be very sharp once you have cut it.
- Take care when lighting matches.

What to do:

1. Using a craft knife or scissors, very carefully pierce a hole in the middle of the can and then use the hole to cut your can in half across the middle (see picture A). Recycle the end of the can with the ring pull.
2. Cut a 2cm x 2cm hole at the cut edge of the can (see picture B), then cut another on the opposite side. This will give the candle air supply.
3. Light the tea light and put your can over the candle with the curved base facing upwards. Be careful, the can will start to get hot. You may need to make the holes in the can larger, or add more holes, so that the candle flame can get enough oxygen.
4. This is your stove! Test it out by putting some food in the curved base to heat it up. You can use baked beans, pineapple chunks, pancake mix, or anything you like.

