

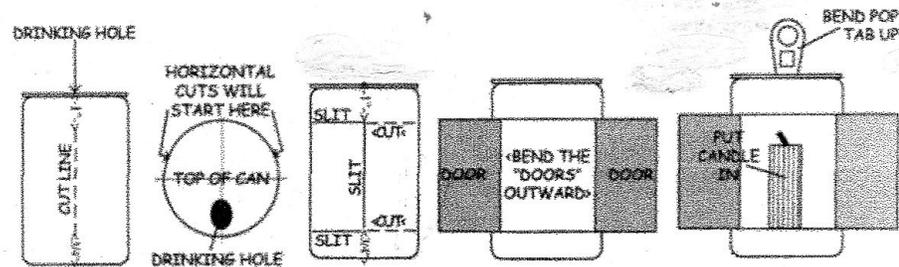
Candle Lantern from a Pop Can: DIY!



This candle lantern was made by a 12-year-old boy using a pocket knife.

How to: Rinse the can. Do NOT remove the pop tab! On the bottom of the can, with your pocketknife, punch a shape like an *, centered in the bottom of the can. It needs to be slightly larger than the candle you plan to use. Then push the sharp edges of your sharp circle inward with a piece of wood. Don't use your finger! Check that your candle will fit the hole tightly.

Turn the can so the drinking hole faces you. In line with the drinking hole and about 1" from the top of the can, use a knife to make a vertical cut in the can. Continue the cut downward to about $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the bottom of the can. Locate where your horizontal cuts should begin. Make your second cut 1" from the top of the can, going toward the vertical slit. Then make your third cut $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the bottom, again going towards the vertical slit.



Make your fourth cut 1" from the top of the can, going towards the vertical slit. Your fifth cut is $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the bottom of the can, going toward the vertical slit. CAREFULLY bend the doors outward. Don't get cut on the sharp edges. Put a 3" long candle into the hole in the bottom of the can. Bend the pop tab up and put a piece of string in it to hang up your lantern. If made correctly, wind will catch the doors and turn the candle away from the wind! Amazing!

FIRE HAZARD CAUTION! Never use this candle lantern in your tent.

If you carry this lantern, grasp it from behind, near the bottom. All the cut edges are sharp, sharp, sharp! - so keep this lantern out of the hands of little kids.