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Separate the handles of the hand-held can opener and place the cutting blade on the top edge of the can. Squeeze handle together and turn crank attached to the cutting gear until the lid is open.

Push down the lid with clean fingers, a paper towel or spoon, then lift it off, being careful to not cut your fingers.

Wash can openers after every use. If you have an electric can opener, unplug it and carefully wipe off the blade with a clean cloth and hot soapy water. The cutting edge of a can opener is one of the leading places for bacteria to grow. It can cause food-borne illness.

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