

#10 Vintage Can Opener:

The can opener (1858) was patented 48 years after the tin can (1810) was created. So how did one open a can before the opener... with a hammer and chisel. Before the opener came along, cans were way too thick to be opened any other way.

The opener in our contest dates back to about 1930. Using a Vintage Can Opener: Carefully place the “knife” (straight edged) part of the can opener nearly perpendicular to the edge of the top of the can. Then using controlled force, push the knife part of the can opener down into it. With a little practice, it should slide right in. Now with a forceful up and down motion while pushing forward open the can. Be careful, the cut edges of the can will be very sharp.

The hook on the opposite side of the knife is used to open bottles as shown in the picture.

