

Make a Solar Hot Dog Cooker...with a Pringles Can!

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Hot dogs are a summer staple. They're inexpensive, packed with protein, and easy to make on the grill or in a microwave. But even if you don't have any cooking appliances handy, you can cook hot dogs in a flash using an empty Pringles can and just the power of the sun. It sounds crazy, but the silver lining in a Pringles can holds in heat and can cook a hot dog even on cloudy days! If you want to try making a chip can solar cooker, check out the tutorial below.



To start, you'll need an empty Pringles can.

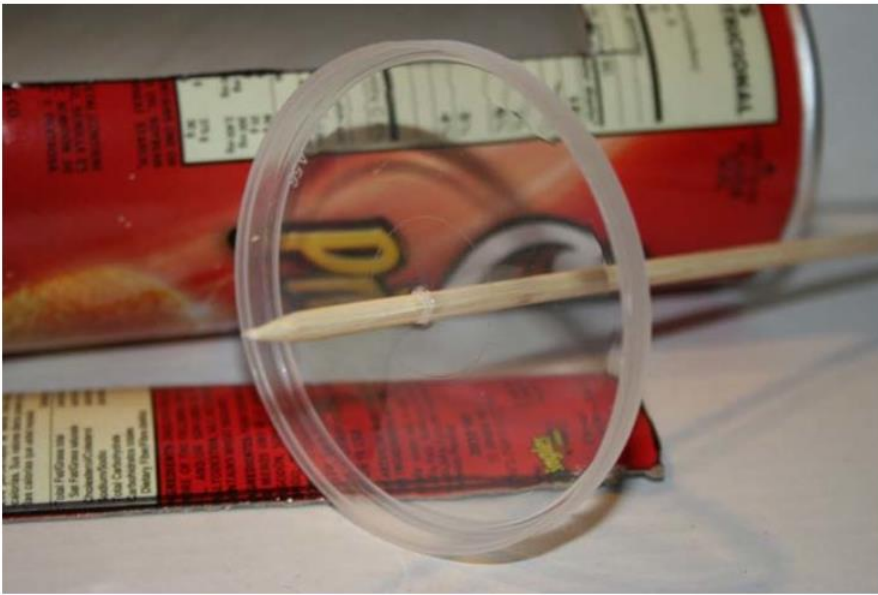
Use a ruler or a straight edge to draw a rectangle on the side of the can with a permanent marker.



Use an X-Acto knife to cut out the rectangle and save the leftover cardboard for later.



Next, push a wooden kebab skewer through the center of the plastic lid.



Use a drill to make a hole in the bottom of the can to hold the skewer.



Put the lid on the can and push the skewer through the hole.



Bend the leftover cardboard and glue it to the bottom side of the can. This will help the can stay upright.



If you want, you can add a layer of plastic wrap over the rectangular hole to help keep the heat inside of the can.



Stick a hot dog on the skewer and enjoy your DIY solar cooker.

