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How to Sharpen a Knife Without Tools

You have a rusty knife but need a sharp one. But you have no whetstone or other tools at hand.

Steps

- Find a piece of stone of convenient size and shape. any variety will do, even a piece of cement.
- Scrape most of the rust off the blade, especially along the cutting edge.
- **1** Keep scraping diagonally toward and across the cutting edge, alternating sides from time to time.
- 1 Try "lubricating" this process with a little water.
- **5** A tiny steel "feather" will form along the edge as it grows sharper. Remove this feather by drawing the cutting edge through a piece of wood.
- When you are satisfied that you can get the blade no sharper with your stone, whet the blade further by drawing it diagonally across a leather shoe sole.
- **7** Within a few minutes have a usable cutting instrument.
- **8** Finished.

Warnings

· Watch your fingers. This knife gets sharp fast.

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