



# Repairing a Loose Pan Handle

How to remove, clean, and repair a pan handle to remove warps or increase tightness.

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## INTRODUCTION

In this guide, you will learn how to fix a loose pan handle. This will be done by removing the handle, cleaning the handle base, and repairing any warps. A warp is when the metal bends out of shape. This **does not work** on cast iron, since the handle does not come off.

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### TOOLS:

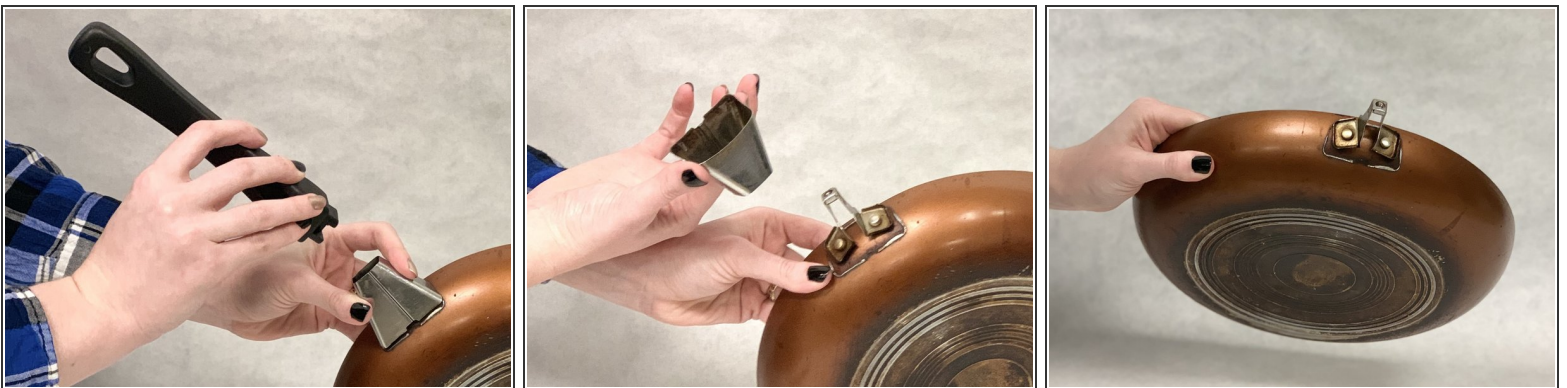
- [Philips head screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [Hammer](#) (1)
  - [Cleaning Rag](#) (2)
  - [Lysol](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Repairing a Loose Pan Handle



- Identify the screw keeping the handle in place.
- ⓘ Most screws are located on the underside, and a typical pan has only one screw. If there are more, locate them as well.
- Use a standard Phillips screwdriver to remove the screw(s).

## Step 2



- Remove the handle and the metal bar to expose the base of the pan handle.
- ⓘ The base is where the full handle and the pan meet.



## Step 3



- Determine what kind of cleaning is required. I used a Lysol solution, which can be substituted with soap and water.
  - ① If there is [rust](#) or [burn](#) marks, there are two guides on iFixit by other creators that work well. Their links can be followed by their respective words.
- Apply your cleaning solution to the base.
  - If necessary, apply cleaning solution to the handle and metal bar, as well.
- Wipe the area until it is clean, repeat if necessary.

## Step 4



- Identify the warp on the pan, if any.
- ⓘ Warps can impact the handle, making it loose or rest incorrectly. This can occur with even small warps, so look closely at your pan.
- Set the pan on top of a flat cloth.
- ⓘ If the warp is going in towards the pan, lay it down with the inside of the pan facing up. If the warp is going out away from the pan, lay it down with the bottom of the pan facing up.

## Step 5



- ⚠ If you do not use cloths, you will scratch the pan when you do Step 6.
- Cover the warp with a second cloth. We used a different dish towel.

## Step 6



- ⚠ Do not hammer too forcefully otherwise the pan will warp the opposite way.
- Hammer the warp carefully.
- ⓘ It should take 2-3 strikes for smaller warps and more than 3 for bigger warps.

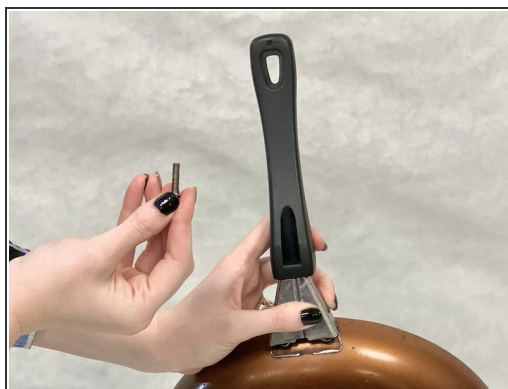


## Step 7



- Take the metal bar and place it back over the base.

## Step 8



- Align the handle onto the metal bar.
  - Push the handle into the metal bar socket.
  - Put the screw back in the socket.
  - Use the screw driver to tighten the screw.
- i** To make sure it's not too loose, pick it up by the handle to test it. If it wobbles it is too loose, and needs to be tightened more.

Repeat this for any number of pans.