



TOP INVENTIONS BY WOMEN

- 1 MARY ANDERSON**
The windscreen wiper
- 2 TABITHA BABBITT**
Circular saw
- 3 STEPHANIE KWOLEK**
Kevlar, as used in bullet proof vests
- 4 RUTH WAKEFIELD**
Chocolate chips used in biscuits
- 5 BETTE NESMITH WAKEFIELD**
Tippex
- 6 GETRUDE ELION**
Zovirax – the drug that treats herpes, plus a drug that fights leukaemia and a drug that stops kidney transplant patients rejecting the transplant
- 7 JOSEPHINE COCHRANE**
The first automatic dishwasher
- 8 SARAH MATHER**
The submarine telescope for looking at deep sea marine life
- 9 MARGARET KNIGHT**
The braking system on factory machines that stops it immediately when something is caught in it, stopping injury
- 10 PATRICIA BATH**
The technique of using a laser to treat blindness caused by cataracts
- 11 MARION DONOVAN**
Disposable nappies
- 12 GRACE MURRAY HOPPER**
The computer coding language COBOL and the compiler which can
- 13 MARTHA COSTON**
Safety flares e.g. used by people in danger on a boat
- 14 LILLIAN GILBRETH**
Designed the shelves inside refrigerator doors, made the can opener easier to use, and invented the food mixer and the foot pedal rubbish bin
- 15 MARY DELANEY**
The retractable dog lead
- 16 KATHERINE BLODGET**
Anti-glare coating on glass such as camera lenses and glasses
- 17 IDA FORBES**
Electric hotwater heater
- 18 RANDICE-LISA ALTSCHUL**
The disposable ‘throw away’ mobile phone
- 19 PATRICIA BILLINGS**
Fire resistant building material called Geobond
- 20 DIANNE CROTEAU**
The dummy used to teach Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
- 21 MARY PHELPS JACOB**
The bra
- 22 ANN TSUKAMOTO**
is the co-patentee of a process to isolate the human stem cell
- 23 LETITIA GEER**
The medical syringe
- 24 ROSALIND FRANKLIN**
Developed the process which identified the structure of DNA
- 25 HELEN GREINER**
The bomb disposal robot
- 26 ANNA CONNELLY**
The fire escape