

Tin Can Candle Holder

Whether it's a backyard barbeque or decorating for the holidays, candles are always a great way to add a warm glow to any occasion. Personalize your décor with these upcycled tin can candle holders. Trees, leaves, stars, a monogram- your design options are endless. These are inexpensive to make, and you probably have all the supplies you need already in your household!

Supplies

- Tin can, label removed and cleaned
- Water (enough to fill can)
- Nail
- Hammer or mallet
- Printed or drawn image outline
- Permanent marker
- Plastic wrap
- Tape
- Hand towel
- Spray paint
- Ribbon or other decoration(s) of choice
- Small candle or tea light



Instructions

1. For each candle holder, you will need a small- to medium-size can, like a tomato sauce can. Remove the label and any adhesive. Wash and dry the can thoroughly.
2. Print or draw your image outline of choice, making sure it will fit on the can.
3. Fill the can with water and place in freezer until fully frozen. This is an important step as an empty can will become dented when nailing holes into it.
4. Use the black permanent marker to make dots along the design outline. These dots mark where you will punch holes and should be evenly spaced.
5. Wrap the paper with your image around the can and hold it in place with tape.
6. Lay the can on a folded towel so the towel will catch the ice chips that try to escape. It will also hold the can in place.
7. Position a sharp, narrow nail above each mark on your pattern and gently tap it 3-4 times with the hammer until just the point has punched the tin can. Repeat for each mark until you have completed your pattern. Keep rotating the can as you move along the line of dots so that the dot you are punching is always facing up.
8. After all the holes are made, remove the paper from the can. Allow the can to thaw in the sink. You can expedite this by running the can under warm water.
9. Once the can is empty and dry, paint it and/or decorate it to your preference.