



Make-it Monday

Magical Tin-Can Windchime

Create a cool craft with tin cans. Something magical and decorative. To make your own homemade wind chimes, you will need:

- Clean tin cans* (Buttons or beads work too)
- Paint (any kind) *Optional*
- String
- Hammer
- Nail
- Metal washers
- Glitter
- Stickers
- Sharpies
- Tape

**Remember to check over your cans for sharp edges. We taped around the rims of the cans on the left to prevent any cuts.*





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Let's Get Started!

1. Take off the wrapping from the can and give them a good wash. Dry them completely.
2. Using a trusty paintbrush (or anything to help you paint with), paint the outside of the tin cans with your paint. Add glitter to the paint if you have some.
3. You could use sharpies to draw mermaids, dragons, or anything you think would look awesome on your cans. If you do not have paint, adding stickers or drawing with sharpie are other ways you can decorate your windchime.
4. After the our paint dried, we punched holes in the bottom of the tin cans. Use a nail and hammer (be careful). Hammer the nail in the top of the can to make a hole.
5. String a long piece of yarn through the holes. Inside the tin cans, tie two washers onto the end of the string. One washer is used to hold the yarn in place, the other is placed at the end of the string to make a

lovely clanking sound when it hits the tin can. You could also use beads or buttons. Something that is hard enough to make a noise when it hits the can. You will want to make a few knots in the yarn to hold it in place if you do not have washers, etc.

6. Tie the long pieces of string together at the top and hang up the tin cans so that they overlap each other. You can tie the string to a key chain ring or carabiner. Then go and hang your wind chime where it can make the most magical noise.

Do it Up Even More!

A few more ways to add to it.

Add different materials on the string or attached to the cans. Paper mâché your tin cans. Drill a few more holes and add materials on the inside that give provide more sound.

