



DIY Tin Can Lanterns

Beginner-friendly; about 1 hour hands-on plus 3-4 hours freeze time

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ☐ 2-3 empty tin cans, labels and lids removed

- ☐ Water and freezer space (3-4 hours)

- ☐ Small nail, about 1/16 in

- ☐ Hammer

- ☐ Work gloves

- ☐ Old towel or folded cloth

- ☐ Masking tape

- ☐ Fine-tip marker

- ☐ 18-20 gauge craft wire (about 12 in per can)

- ☐ Wire cutters and needle-nose pliers

- ☐ Tea lights, LED or real

- ☐ Fine sandpaper (optional)

- ☐ Matte spray sealer (optional, use outdoors)



Step by Step

☐ Wash cans; remove labels, glue and lids.

☐ Fill cans with water; freeze 3-4 hours.

☐ Tape a guide; mark your dot pattern.

☐ Wear gloves; set the can on a towel.

☐ Hammer the nail through each dot.

☐ Keep holes 1/4 in apart and off edges.

☐ Thaw with warm water; dry the can.

☐ Cut 12 in of wire; hook on a handle.

☐ Sand rough holes; paint if you like.

☐ Add a tea light and place it safely.

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