Wavy-Stripe Tin Can Pencil Holder

Beginner | 45–60 min hands-on + drying; cure per labels

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- [ ] 1 clean food can, smooth rim, about 3 x 4.5 in
- [ ] 1 tsp dish soap and warm washing water
- [ ] 1 sponge and 1 drying towel
- [ ] 1 small sheet of 220-grit sandpaper
- [ ] 1 damp cleaning cloth
- [ ] 1 tbsp water-based bonding primer for metal
- [ ] 1 tbsp white acrylic craft paint
- [ ] 1 tsp each cobalt, coral and yellow acrylic paint
- [ ] 1 flat synthetic brush, about 1/2 in wide
- [ ] 1 small round synthetic brush, about size 4
- [ ] 1 pencil
- [ ] 1 reusable palette or scrap plastic lid
- [ ] 1 rinse-water cup with water
- [ ] 1 protective work-surface covering

Step by Step

- [ ] Reject cans with sharp rims, dents or rust.
- [ ] Remove the label and all sticky residue.
- [ ] Wash, rinse and dry the can completely.
- [ ] Cover your work surface.
- [ ] Lightly scuff only the can exterior.
- [ ] Wipe away dust and let the can dry.
- [ ] Brush on compatible metal bonding primer.
- [ ] Let primer dry for its labeled drying time.
- [ ] Paint two thin white coats; dry between coats.
- [ ] Sketch nine wavy stripes with white gaps.
- [ ] Paint stripes cobalt, coral and yellow in repeat.
- [ ] Dry before adding any second color coats.
- [ ] Leave overnight and follow handling directions.
- [ ] Add pencils gently once safe to handle.
- [ ] Avoid washing or scratching until fully cured.