

## How To: Make your own tin-can luminary.



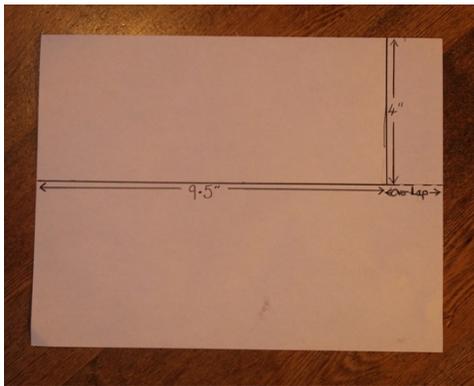
### Equipment

Clean, empty food tin-can (12 oz works well).  
Paper, tape, pencil, scissors, marker.  
Metal Punch/Awl/Nail - with a wide head for ease of hitting.  
Hammer  
Wire (optional)  
Wire Cutters (optional)

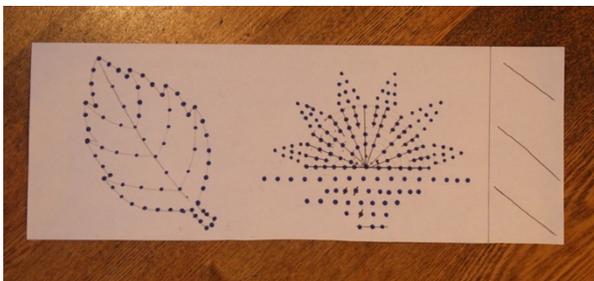


### Method

**1)** Clean out tin-can. Fill with water and freeze overnight (prevents buckling during hammering holes).



**2)** Measure out 9.5" by 4" rectangle. NB: this works well with a piece of 11X8.5" paper. The additional 1.5" left makes a perfect overlap for wrapping around tin when attaching.



**3)** Draw the design you wish to use on tin-can. Tip – keep it simple – *less is more* (the leaf worked well, sunset was too complex). I traced the image, then added dots with marker as they are approximate size of hole. Wrap around tin-can and fix with tape.

**Option B:** Draw directly on tin-can with marker (paper can get soggy as can thaws). Best to do this before you freeze the tin-can.



**4) ADULT SUPERVISION:** Place tin on towel to prevent slippage. Extra hands to hold each end is very helpful. Using Hammer and metal punch/awl/ nail (I used picture hook nail) tap holes into the tin-can. Tip: Make sure the nail is vertical, if on an angle it can slip or move the tin-can.



**5) If you wish to hang luminary:**  
**ADULT SUPERVISION:** Cut a piece of wire. Make two holes in opposite sides of tin-can, just below top rim. Inset  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of wire and bend to secure. Tightly wrap around tin-can and thread up inside wire beside the original hole. Make arch as big as you wish and bend down to insert loose end into the vacant hole. Bend end to secure.



**6).** Add tea-light and enjoy or share with a friend! Place on windowsill or hang from a branch to help light up the world!

