



# Coffee Can Canisters

## REDUCE..REUSE..RECYCLE..Materials list:

- Empty coffee cans with plastic lids
- Paper to be torn and glued on cans (we used brown paper bags)
- White glue
- Sand paper
- Plastic tray (we used a plastic food tray originally used to package pastries)
- Small clean HDPE plastic container with lid (such as a margarine tub)
- Old paint brush (1/2 ") or other utensil to spread glue on paper
- Paint (optional, we used left-over latex paint)
- Varnish (optional)



## Directions:

1. Clean inside of coffee can and sand any sharp edges around the top, especially if children will be using the canister.
2. Prepare a workspace, the gluing and painting in this project could be messy. We used an old plastic shower curtain as a drop cloth to protect our table.
3. Tear paper bag into irregular pieces no larger than 3" x 3" and set aside.
4. In the small plastic container (reuse any suitable container) mix glue and water (1 part glue to 1 part water). A resealable container is suggested if you don't use all of the mixture at once.
5. Using the plastic tray, brush the diluted glue mixture onto the front and back of a piece of the torn paper.
6. Place the saturated paper on the can and use the brush to smooth out any air bubbles.
7. Continue placing the paper around the can until the entire surface is covered. Do not overlap the paper where the lid goes or it may not fit when your project is dry.
8. When the can is dry you are ready to use it but you can put two coats of varnish on it to make it more durable and easy to clean or paint it first to match your décor. Varnish is optional.

## Suggestions for use:

- ↪ Store craft materials such as corks, shells, ribbons, buttons etc.
- ↪ Decorate to match a child's room and they can store small toy parts like Lego's, marbles, Barbie Doll accessories etc.
- ↪ Fill it with baked goodies, top it with a bow and give it as a gift for a suitable occasion.

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