



# Pencil Holder

## Materials list:

There are two types of holders shown here. One is made of shells that are glued directly onto the tin can. The other requires a little more work and creativity.

The materials are as follows:

- Tin can, clean and dry. Make sure there are no sharp edges.
- Thick cord or yarn (enough to go around the entire can and extra for the facial details)
- White glue and container to put glue in (reuse a margarine tub)
- Container with water
- Plastic drop cloth (we reused an old shower curtain to cover the table surface)
- Spray Paint (this part is not recommended for young children, an adult should do the spray painting)



## Directions:

1. Tape the end of the cord to the bottom of the tin can and wrap cord around the can to determine how much is needed to cover the entire surface. Cut the length.
2. Dip the cord into the glue in the plastic tub making sure it is entirely coated. This is the messy part.
3. Pull out the end and squeeze excess glue as you gradually pull the cord from the glue and wrap around the can without leaving any gaps. Rinse fingers as required in the water container, as they will get sticky as they dry.
4. Set can aside and use remaining cord to fashion eyes, nose, moustache etc. to make a face on the container (the container in the photo was made as a Father's Day gift).
5. When the can is dry (overnight or a few days) an adult can spray paint the entire container. It's ready for use when the spray paint has dried.

## Suggestions for use:

- ↳ Though we call this a "pencil" holder it holds pens, small screwdrivers, scissors, letter openers, crayons, markers etc.
- ↳ You can simplify this craft by using other materials to cover the can such as scrap wallpaper pieces, wrapping paper, magazine pictures, fabric scraps etc.

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