

Tin Can Rattle



Materials:

Small tin can

$\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter dowel

1 inch long round headed screw, just a hair larger than the drill bit on your drill.

beads or pebbles

Colorful fabric large enough to cover your can.

Ribbon

Tools:

Electric drill with small bit to match your screw.

Screwdriver

What to do:

- 1 Drill a hole in the side of your can and use tin snips to cut around its diameter. Do this over a sink to let the contents spill out without too much of a mess.
- 2 Empty the contents and clean out your tin can.
- 3 Cut your dowel to a length that is the same length as your can, more or less.

- 4 Stain or paint, and polyurethane the handle where it will protrude from the can.
- 5 Drill a small hole in the top of the dowel, the end that will meet the end of the can.
- 6 Drill a small hole in the center of the end of the can.
- 7 Place the dowel on the can and line up the two holes. Use a screw to screw from the inside of the can through the hole into the end of the dowel. Add some goopy glue to the end of the dowel to help secure it to the can.
- 8 Set the other can half can top side down and put a handful of the pebbles or beads inside. Try out different ingredients, they will make different sounds. Also, the amount of beads/pebbles will change the sound as well.
- 9 Place the can edges back together and tape them closed with duct tape. Cover the sides of the can well so it won't come apart.
- 10 Cover the rattle with colorful fabric. Use fabric glue or hand sew it in place. Tie a ribbon around the end of the fabric to secure it to the handle.