

Upcycled Desk Organizers

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Tin can
- Craft paper
- Felt
- Mod Podge
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Marker
- Paint (optional)

1. Prepare the can. Wash can thoroughly and remove any labels.

Optional: If you would like to color your can, you can use spray paint to cover any parts you plan to leave exposed. In this example, I sprayed the inside and top edge in gold. Just don't overspray, or it will run!



2. Cut paper to size.

Once your can is clean and dry, place it on the decorative paper and mark its length so you can cut the paper to size. If you roll the can along the paper, marking in several points, you can use a ruler or another paper edge to draw a straight line along which to cut. You want enough paper to wrap all the way around the can, covering it from top to bottom; wrap your paper piece around the can **BEFORE** adding any Mod Podge to make sure it will fit.



3. Cut felt.

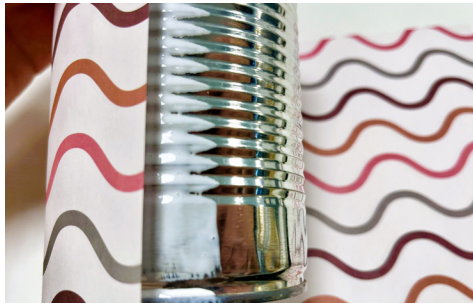
Using a marker, trace around the bottom of the can on a piece of felt. Cut out the circle, cutting just inside the marker ring. This will fit into the bottom of your finished can to protect the bottom and soften the "clang!" of items being dropped into it!

Optional: You can cut a second piece of felt to size and glue to the outside bottom of the can for padding.



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4. Mod Podge.

Paint a strip of Mod Podge on the can, and press your paper onto it. Continue swiping on Mod Podge and pressing the paper down until you make it around the can. Depending on the material you use and the look you want, you may add a layer of Mod Podge on top of the covering as well.

5. Get organized.

Once the can is dry, you can use it to store all sorts of items: writing utensils, scissors, crafting supplies... you name it!

Be creative!

Experiment with different materials (cardstock or mulberry paper, thin fabric, etc.) and different techniques, like layering. You can customize the organizer further by lining the inside of the can with another color or pattern, painting the top lip of the can in a vibrant color, or letting the rustic can texture shine!