



Tin Can Lanterns

An activity ideal for Company & Senior section members. Let your young people create something unique, whilst also considering topics such as recycling.

How?

Before the activity you will need to collect tin cans, clean them and reduce any sharp edges. Once that is done you will need to fill the cans with water and freeze them ready for your meeting night.



Using a nail / screw and a hammer, you can create designs by gently hammering small holes into the can. This can either be done by free hand, or as can be seen in these pictures, using a design stuck onto the can.

If you are using a design, stick the template onto the can using tape and then tap holes around the outside of your design. Keep the holes close together for good results.

Once you have finished, let the water melt out of the can and then place a tealight candle inside to finish off your lantern.



Materials:

- Clean tin cans (filled with frozen water)
- Nails / Screws
- Hammers
- Templates (if needed)

Details:

Age - Company / Seniors

Cost - Low

Time - 20 - 30 Minutes

Difficulty - 4/5



Safety considerations

- Ensure the cans you are using have no sharp edges left. Ring pull cans tend to work best.
- Make sure everyone knows how to use a nail and hammer safely before starting
- Smaller groups or greater adult supervision may be ideal for this activity.

