Aluminum Can Autumn Mreath

Supply List:

Aluminum cans (8-9)

Wreath form

Glue (E6000—strong glue)

Cardboard (cereal box, heavy cardstock)

Ribbon or twine

Scissors

Pencil



Step One: Remove top and bottom of clean can by punching a hole in the can and inserting scissors to cut around. **BE CAREFUL!** This was the sharpest part of the job for us! If cans are not completely dry, it may be helpful to do this on a towel or paper towel.









Step Two: Draw two or three leaf patterns on the scrap cardboard. Leaves should be about 1.5 to 2 inches wide and 3 inches tall. The simpler the design, the easier it will be to cut out. Cut out the patterns.

Step Three: Trace one of your leaf patterns onto the inside of a can. You should be able to fit about three or four per sheet. Tip: separate the leaves before cutting them out in detail. This allows the natural roll to stay while making it easier to cut.





Step Four: If desired, create veining on your leaf by etching onto each leaf with a nail. You may also gently fold the leaf down the center for a more natural look. Keep in mind, folding will make it easier to see the underside of the leaves.



Step Five: Layout and glue the leaves down onto the form. It may be easiest to start from one spot and work your way around, so that the leaves can lay evenly in layers.











Step Six: Decide what way you would like your wreath to hang. Loop the ribbon or twine through the wreath form to create a loop for hanging.

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Personalization: If there is a drink that is near and dear to your heart, this is a fun way to honor it by showing the image side! Mix it up and show both image and inside of the cans for variety. Paint the leaves with chalk paint before gluing for a different look. Or, once complete, spray paint to match your theme or decor! Don't forget to show us your lovely creations!

Happy crafting!



