

Punched "Tin" Candle Cover

History:

Punched tin was an early American craft. Early settlers in frontier Alabama probably owned punched metal objects. Pie cupboards and lanterns were often made out of punched metal. Follow the directions below to make your own "punched tin" candle cover.

You will need:

Mini aluminum loaf pan (5.63" L x 3.19"W x 1.95 "D)

Tea light or small candle

BBQ skewer or sharp pencil

Printer attached to computer

Directions:

1. Choose a pattern from the website and print it out.
2. Cut on the dotted line to remove the pattern from the sheet of paper.
3. Place the rectangle of the pattern on top of the aluminum pan.
4. Tape the template to sides of the pan.
5. Use a BBQ skewer or sharp pencil to carefully poke out the black holes on the pattern.

Tip: place the pan over a small cup or other object so the pan keeps its form while you punch out the holes.

6. Remove the pattern and re-form pan, if necessary.
7. Have a parent light a small candle. Place punched cover over candle to create a colonial decoration.

Try these other punched metal ideas:

- ★ Use a larger aluminum pan to create a bigger punched metal creation.
- ★ Be creative and make your own punched tin design.
- ★ Use strips of aluminum foil to create other punched metal decorations, such as napkins holders, or candle wraps.