

Punched Pattern Craft

Materials

- Round metal bottom from a coffee can, breadcrumb container, baking powder container, or any other cylindrical food container whose sides are cardboard.
- Several push pins or small nails (such as brads)
- The plastic lid from the container
- A hammer
- Piece of Cardboard
- Printed clipart or original drawing on paper to use as your pattern
- Clear tape

Directions

- Using sturdy scissors or kitchen shears, cut the metal bottom from your container of choice, trimming as close to the edge of the metal to remove as much of the side cardboard as possible.
- Cut off the metal ring at the top of the container in the same manner. Save for use in other projects. If possible, recycle the cardboard sides of the container
- Using clear tape, center and then tape your pattern to the side of the metal bottom without any ink printing.
- Place the metal bottom on top of a piece of cardboard to protect the surface on which you are working.
- Using your pushpin or small nail and your hammer, punch (hammer) holes all along the edge of your pattern, spacing the holes whatever distance apart suits you. If you are using the metal bottom from a breadcrumb container or other container with a very thin metal bottom, you may be able to push the pin through the metal to make your holes without needing the hammer. Pushpins and small nails sometimes bend when hammered on, hence the need to have more than one on hand.
- Remove the pattern from your project.
- Cut the center out of your container's plastic lid. Use the lid as a "frame" for your completed design. The lid will be a tight fit, but that's OK. You won't need any glue to hold it in place!

