

How to Make Recycled Tin Can Animals

Project Instructions



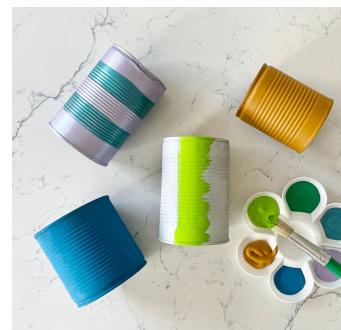
Step 1

First make sure the empty tin cans and plastic bottle are clean and dry. Then spray the cans with primer and leave to dry.



Step 2

Next, paint the cans in different colours for each animal, and leave to dry. Apply a second coat of paint if needed.



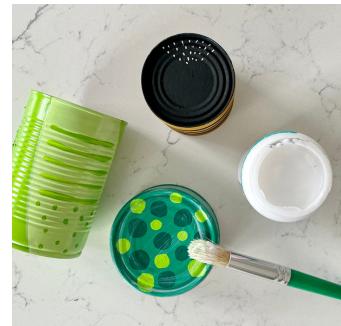
Step 3

Then add some detail to the cans – for example, spots for the frog, stripes for the bee, a face for the blue tit and wings for the grasshopper.



Step 4

Now, give each can a coat of glue varnish to seal the paint, and allow to dry.



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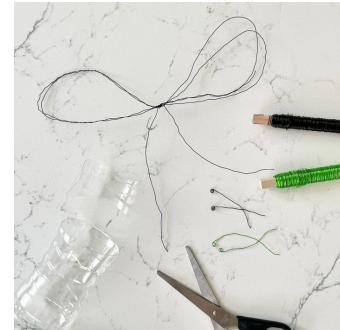
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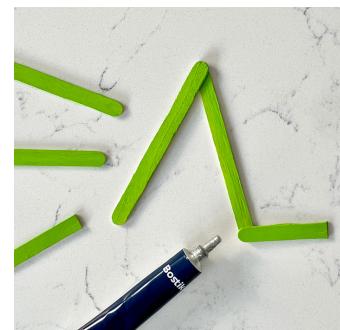
Next, use the wire to make some wide wings and a pair of antennae for the dragonfly and bee.

Carefully cut up the plastic bottle to make some wings for the bee and blue tit, and a beak.



Step 6

Then paint some lollipop sticks green and when dry glue together to make the grasshopper's legs.



Step 7

Now assemble the animals – tie the wire wings around the dragonfly and stick the antenna in place with strong glue. Then glue the bee and blue tit's wings and beak in place, and the grasshopper's legs. Finally add the googly eyes to each animal.



Step 8

Next, carefully make a hole in the bottom of the blue tit and grasshopper with a hammer and nail – you may need to wiggle the nail a little to make the hole bigger.



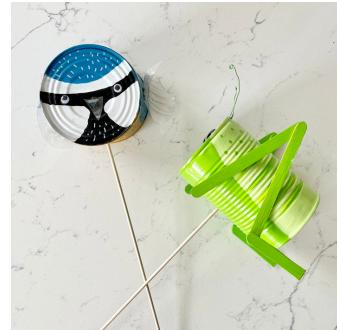
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Step 9

Then push the thin dowel through the holes and secure in place with some strong glue. When set, they can be popped in the lawn or flower beds.



Step 10

For the bee and dragonfly, make a hole as before in the top of each, then thread some string through the hole and make a knot. They can be hung from a tree and double up as bird feeders.



Step 11

Your tin can animals are now complete and ready to decorate your garden!

