



## DIY tin can planters for spring

Spring is here! Here's a project that shouts "spring" and lets you do a little upcycling. If you're hosting a spring luncheon, Easter event, or just a fun get-together, you can make these colorful tin can planters that are perfect for table décor and take-home gifts for guests.

Begin by cleaning out as many soup cans as you want.

### Neutral base with your hand-painted designs

- Brush on a light, neutral acrylic paint to serve as background for your hand-painted designs.
- Once the cans are dry, add simple designs using a variety of paint colors. For example, try simple polka dots by dipping a craft dowel (or the eraser end of a new pencil) into the paint and applying it to the side of the can.

### Colorful base with a burlap and lace band

- Brush on a cheerful, vibrant acrylic paint (robin's egg blue mixed with a tiny bit of yellow is a wonderful spring color).
- Once the cans are dry, wrap a thin band of burlap or burlap ribbon topped by a piece of lace around the middle of the can and hot glue them in place.

Divide a 6-inch pot of forced daffodils or any spring flower you like and place a few in each can with soil to hold them in place. If you like, top off each can with some moss, gently placing around the stems.

These are adorable as is, but for an extra personal feel, you can use them as place card holders for your Easter dinner or a lunch. One way to do this is to write guest names on faux eggs, place them on a skewer and push them into the soil.

Voila! You have perfect hostess gifts – and your guests will love them. Happy spring!