

## Tin Can Luminaries

This Christmas Eve we want to make our candle lighting a bit more special, especially as our services will be in person as well as in homes throughout our community and church family. This is a fun and easy way to participate as an individual, couple, or family. We're excited to have every home represented on our luminary walls! Please bring your luminary to the service you RSVP'd for, or drop your luminary off by the church office no later than 3PM, Wednesday, December 23.

### Materials Needed & Instructions:

1. Empty soup/vegetable can w/ label removed
2. Sand
3. Hammer/Nail OR Drill/Drillbit(s)
4. Scrap paper
5. Tape
6. Candle (regular or battery operated)
7. Whatever else you decide :)
8. Water

#### STEP [1]



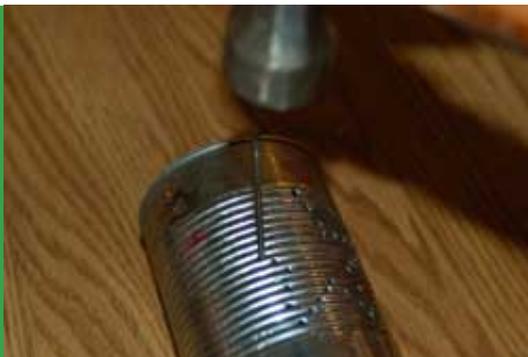
Begin by filling the cans with some sand. Placing sand in the cans first stops any swelling of the can that may occur when the water is frozen. Then, fill the can up to the top with water. Place them in the freezer until the water is frozen solid. This will allow you to hammer a nail or drill into the side of the can without the can denting.

#### STEP [2]



Next, think about some designs you want to punch into the sides of the can. You can create a template on paper, find a pattern on the internet, or just freestyle. Cut out your templates, place on the can, and trace around them with a permanent marker.

#### STEP [3]



Continue making the tin can luminaries by using a nail/hammer or drill to punch out the design. Start at one end of the pattern and place the nail along the line. Gently drill or pound the nail in with a hammer. The drill or nail will go through the can into the ice. Continue working around the pattern until the design is punched out. Please be careful!

4. Allow the ice in the can to melt, and dry the can completely.

5. If you want to further decorate the luminaries, this is the time to do it. If you would like the designs you punched to show up better you can paint them a different color, such as black. When you are ready to illuminate, add a little sand to weigh down the cans and add a tea light candle.