Recycled Art: Hojalata (Tin) Art

Since the 1500's, Mexican artisans have been shaping, stamping, punching, cutting and painting this metal into decorative and sometimes functional artwork. Students will create their own "tin" art out of recycled foil pans or aluminum foil.

Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for Visual Arts

2nd Grade

VA: Cr1.2.2. Make art or design with various materials and tools to explore personal interests, questions, and curiosity.

VA: Cr2.1.2. Experiment with various materials and tools to explore personal interests in a work of art or design.

3rd Grade

VA: Cr1.2.3 Apply knowledge of available resources, tools, and technologies to investigate personal ideas through the art-making process.

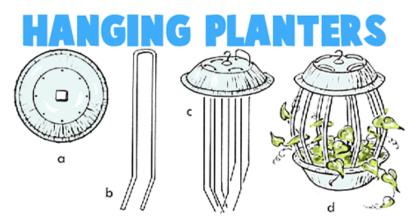
VA: Cr2.1.3. Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials.

VA: Cr3.1.3. Elaborate on visual information by adding details in an artwork to enhance emerging meaning.

Classroom teacher will need to supply:

- Foil pans (clean, recycled ones are preferred) **or** clean aluminum foil if pans are unavailable. The raised edges need to be cut off to leave a flat piece to use. Large foil pans can be cut into smaller pieces for more than one student to use. If you're using aluminum foil, please fold a large piece in several layers to a size of approximately 8"x10". Each student will need one piece of aluminum with which to work.
- Permanent markers
- Pencils
- Spiral notebook, stack of paper, or a magazine for padding. One per student.

Making Foil Pie Pan Hanging Planters



Gather the following items: 3 aluminum foil pie pans (3" diameter), four 18" lengths No. 3 round "strapping" copper or aluminum wire, 1 small nail, 1 cup hook, 1 small block of wood 1" x 1" x 3/4" or 1/2", stapler, 1 plant, and enough soil to fill 1 pan. With nail, punch 8 evenly spaced holes around the bottom of two tins (sketch a). Place small

block of wood in center of one perforated tin. Screw cup hook through outside of pie tin into block of wood so they fit together tightly. Bend wires in U shape to fit the space between the holes (sketch b). Insert bent wires through top of tin with cup hook attached. After all wires are in place, bend each wire in 2" from bottom (sketch c). Put these wires through corresponding holes in other. perforated pie tin. Work carefully so aluminum foil will not tear. After wires are all in place, fit unperforated pan under the bottom tin to cover wire ends and make a solid bottom. Staple the two bottom tins together around the edge of rims. Now shape the wires to give a Japanese lantern effect (sketch d). Fill bottom pan with soil, and plant vine or plant in soil.

Turn Tin Pan into a Coat of Arms Crest

(ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED) This craft can be dangerous for younger children who haven't used hammers before, so make sure to supervise them. Buy a disposable pie tin pan, a blunt nail, a hammer, a block of wood larger than the pie



pan, enamel, and a paint brush. Now, use a nail to scratch the coat of arms design onto the inside of the pan (create your own design). Now put the tin pan on top of the block of wood to protect your table or counters. Now hit the nail with hammer to make holes close together to form lines (because the holes are so close together). Do this to the entire design. Work from the inside of the tin pan. Design will stand out on the back of pan. Paint with enamel. Punch hole in top of rim for hanging.

https://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/foil-artscraftsideaskids.html