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Things you need to gather:



Materials:

- * Jar with lid
- * Aluminium Can
- * Left over tinsel or foil
- * Boiled water, cooled

Tools:

- * Scissors
- * Craft Knife
- * Pen, pencil
- * Texta Marker
- * Long nose pliers (optional)
- * Hot Glue Gun (or silicone, allowing for longer drying time)



How to build it:



1. Cut open your aluminium can.
Sometimes this is easiest if you start by piercing the can with the craft knife first, making a hole for the scissors to gain access.

Work your way around the top and bottom of the can so you end up with a nice piece of flat aluminium.
Keep the top and bottom of the can, you might want to use them later.

Take care with sharp edges of aluminium!

2. On a piece of paper, design the shape of an object you'd like to have as the centre piece of your snow dome. When designing, keep in mind that it needs to be the right size for your jar.

This can be anything you want, let your imagination get busy!

*Also provided at the end of this work sheet is some shape ideas you can print out and use if you get stuck. There's a **Dragonfly design** and a **Tree design**.

Cut out your paper design, and give it a quick test run: does it fit in your jar?





3. Transfer your paper design onto the sheet of aluminium using a marker.

Once you've traced your object onto the aluminium you're ready to carefully cut it out. You can use scissors to do this.

4. Shape and fold your cut out aluminium shape. The shape has to be able to be hot glued onto the jar's lid, so your aluminium design will need a folded base to stand on. You can also draw decorative impressions into the aluminium using a hard point tool or a pen

* If using the **Dragonfly design**, you need to bend the body in half. You then need to cut some slits in the top of it's body for the tabs of the wings to insert into. With the tabs poking through to the inside of the dragonfly's body, curl them so they don't fall out, and, or glue them with hot glue. You can then bend its legs so it has knees, and then feet that you glue to the lid of the jar.

* If using the **Tree design**, you need to make a small cut at the base of the tree, and fold one flap forward and one flap back. You can then bend the branches a little to give the tree some more depth.





5. Once you're happy with your aluminium creation you should test it out by placing it into the jar. Make any adjustments by bending, so that your object fits nicely in the jar and it's how you want it to look.

Then, with the hot glue gun, attach your creation to the inside of the jar lid.





6. Now for the sparkles! You can use anything you like for the snow sparkles. Some suggestions are leftover tinsel, aluminium foil scraps, plastic foil packets, or aluminium can. These need to be chopped up really small.

The lighter weight the material you use, the longer it will take to sink to the bottom of the jar after you shake it.

7. Put all the sparkles in the jar, then fill the jar to the brim with the boiled (cooled) water.

Now to add your aluminium creation by slowly putting it in the jar and screwing on the lid tightly.

Turn your jar upside down and watch your sparkles magically float around the jar with your aluminium sculpture inside!

For a permanent seal, you can hot glue or silicone the lid onto the jar, and then decorate or paint the lid. These steps are optional.



