



Activity | DON'T TEACH YOUR TRASH TO SWIM!

Keeping litter out of the coastal waterways is very important. Reuse aluminum cans for art projects, tree ornaments or mobiles.

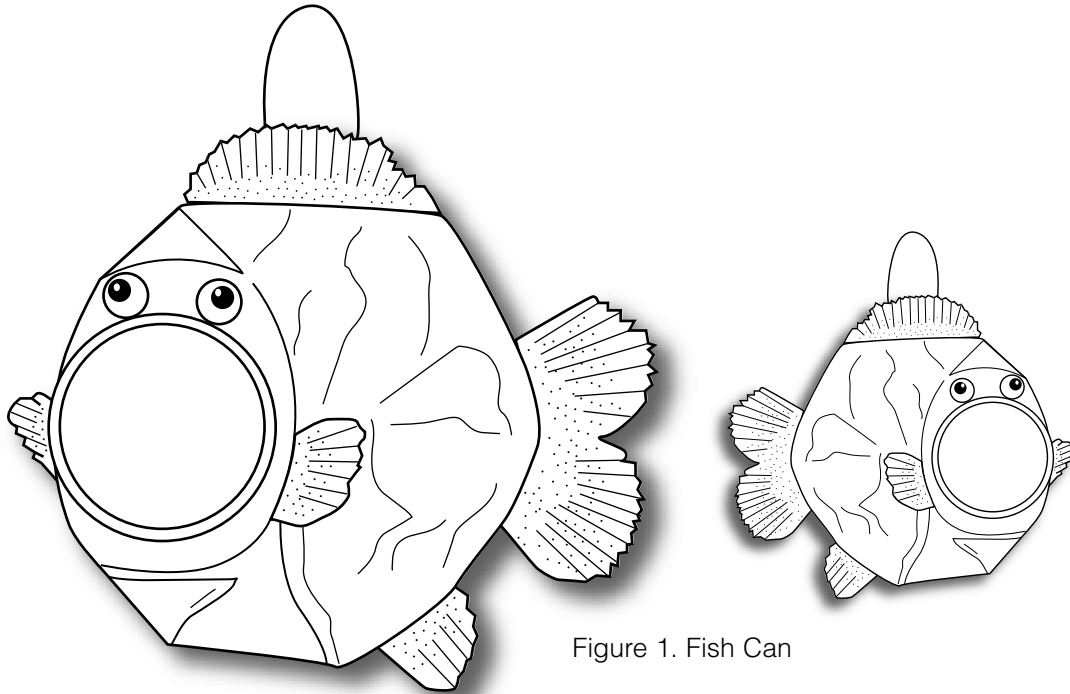


Figure 1. Fish Can

MATERIALS

- ▶ Aluminum soda cans, rinsed and dried
- ▶ Craft glue
- ▶ Art paper, leaves, and twigs
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Plastic eyes (from a hobby shop)
- ▶ Spray paint for the fish body
- ▶ Acrylic paints for body parts
- ▶ (Note: metallic acrylic paint can give the fish a slight shimmer)

PROCEDURE

1. Flatten the can first by hand, making sure the bottom of the can faces up (see Figure 1) and the bottom crunches up behind the body of the can. Finish the flattening process by stepping on it.
2. Paint the can with spray paint. Dry.
3. Add painted details. The bottom of the can should be black, to create the fish's mouth. Options: add pink tongue, scale, gills, etc. Dry.
4. Make fins from paper, leaves, and/or silk flowers and attach to can with glue. Dry.
5. Glue the eyes in place. Dry.
6. Finish by glueing a loop of string or wire for hanging.

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