

84 Contemporary Textile Group Workshop
STITCHING WITH ALUMINIUM CANS
Sara Quail Sunday 9 August 2015

The aim of this workshop is transform a few simple supplies and the metal from ordinary aluminium cans into a small decorative box. You will be shown how to safely cut cans, tips for stitching on metal, changing its colour with heat and or paint and embossing. We will also investigate other ideas for using this technique incorporating thread & fabric



Requirements:

- 4-6 Aluminium drink cans, unwashed
- Sewing machine with normal accessories including free motion and ordinary sewing foot.
- Size 90 topstitch needles
- Hand sewing needles and pins
- Ruler & Glue stick
- Cord - Min 3 metres, normal string thickness 1.5-2mm– as is or to be stitched over
- Scissors x 3 – Fabric, Paper and sharp non-precious scissors for cutting metal
- Felt – for lining, a piece at least A4 size, synthetic is fine.
- Padding – Pieces of cotton batting, thinnish wadding, pellaon or more felt – any colour about ½ sq m
- Metal tongs – with metal ends, not rubber
- Ordinary sewing threads to match or contrast with silver or gold tones.
- Metallic thread if desired for embellishing felt inside box
- Embossing tool or old biro.
- Lumiere metallic paints / glass paints – only if you have them, and wish to try colouring metal
- Thin but very firm card – about A4 size

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