

Upcycled Tin Can Planters

Step-by-Step Instructions



It's the season of planting! As we welcome spring, it's time to think about all the flowers that will soon be greeting us.

PAMA is located in downtown Brampton. Did you know that Brampton is often called "Flower City"? That's because of the Dale Estate. The Dale Estate business dates back to 1863 when Edward Dale started selling vegetables. When Harry Dale took over the business, he started selling flowers. The Dales were well-known for their roses and shipped millions of blooms around the world.

Pictured here is an image from the PAMA Archives of the Dale Estate shipping room. Do you recognize any of the types of flowers in the picture?

Have you ever grown flowers? Create an upcycled tin can planter and use it to try growing your own plants.

Materials:

- Used Tin Can (emptied, washed and dried)
- Anything you would like to decorate with – scrap paper, ribbon, fun foam, paint, glue

1. Design your planter

Choose the materials you would like to use on your tin can. You might also want to sketch out your idea.

2. Decorate your planter

Use paint or collaged materials to decorate your tin can. In the first example, you can see the use of foam, scrap paper and twine. To create a flower top for your planter, you can trace the can onto foam or paper and add a flower design to the outside of the circle. Cut out the circle and the outline and glue it on top of the can.

The second example was made with two coats of paint and markers. Allow the paint to fully dry between layers. Once the paint is completely dry, you can draw on top with markers.



3. Add your finishing touches

Once your tin can planter is finished, it's time to plant! Place a plant directly in it or add some soil and seeds to grow your own.

Happy Spring!

