

# Making a Fanal (Haitian lantern)

all ages

## What you Need

- 1 empty and clean aluminum can (we used a 13.5 oz can)
- 1 clear, clean, small jar that can fit snug into the can
- 1 battery-operated tea light
- Sculpting wire
- Tools
  - Drill with metal bit
  - Cloth to protect the table
  - Safety glasses
  - Pliers
- \*\*\*\*\*This is an activity that you do FOR your kids unless they are older and can use power tools.\*\*\*\*\*



## [Youtube Tutorial Link Here](#)

## What we will do

1. Ensure that the can and jar fit snugly together. Place the can on a cloth to ensure it doesn't slip and drill dozens of holes in your choice of pattern plus two parallel holes for the handle.
2. String the sculpting wire through the holes to create a handle
3. Place tea light in glass jar. Securely fashion the jar into the can

## Notes

A Fanal is an artisanal lamp made during the December holiday season in Haiti from a variety of upcycled materials. Often, they take the form of a paper house lined with tissue paper to create beautiful mosaics of color.

This activity however is based on the glass/aluminum can version (with some safety precautions of course). In Haiti, children can be seen making this version with a rogue nail, a recycled milk can, and empty baby food jars. Using the nail they fashion intricate holes into the can and a handle using chicken wire. They then fill the glass jar with cooking oil and a mesh of cotton as a wick. The baby food bottles fit firmly into the can.

Enjoy! And don't forget to leave comments or tag us on social media if you use these activities.