

# DIY METAL CONTAINERS

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INTO DECOR & MORE!



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## FEELING HOLE

Turn metal pots into perforated candle holders by poking holes straight through the sides—a hammer and nail does the trick! Finish with a rust kit to finely age the pots.



## ALL ABOUT ENAMEL

To create this bold planter, we gave this double-bucket painter container a coat of enamel paint—it adheres well on smooth surfaces like metal, and it's super durable. Finish off with a gloss coat to seal it for any kind of weather.



## MARKET MARVELS

Customize metal tubs with self-adhesive vinyl. Why? Its durability will withstand even water. Remove the shine from the tub by soaking it in a corrosive cleaner for a day or two—the longer it soaks, the more the streaks will show.



## FINE POTTERY

Paint small galvanized containers with a china-inspired design worthy of cottage life. Use a pointed brush to recreate the round brushstrokes.

**Tip:** Try a flat spray paint for a no-gloss look like this.

## FUN WITH TEXTURE

Grab a hammer and get tapping to create a textured bin. Don't be afraid to hammer unevenly—random dents will add to the rustic look.

**Tip:** Adding a coat of copper paint makes the container pop.





## LOVELY LABELS

These citrus-y paint cans are easy to recreate with a standard printer and a matte decoupage medium. Use other paper materials—like magazine clippings, photographs, and more—to create a one-of-kind container.

## DISTRESS TO IMPRESS

Create an aged watering can with a patina finish kit. Fade the colors by diluting the paint and layering brushstrokes. Don't forget to top the paint off with a coat of sealant to protect the can from wear and tear.



## EMBOSSSED & ENGRAVED

Use a sheet of self-adhesive foam to create designs that blend seamlessly with metal boxes. Cut out foam letters to create a raised or recessed design—upgrading any modest container.



### STAMP IN

Turn the foam design into a large stamp by adhering the cutouts to a wood block and stamping it into clay. Adhere the stamped clay to the box and paint it to create this recessed look.



### STAND OUT

This time, stick the foam cutouts directly onto the container. Rub dimensional paint around the edges to blend the sharp lines together, creating a raised design that pops.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Here's what these pieces looked like before the makeovers. Don't be afraid to mix and match ideas!