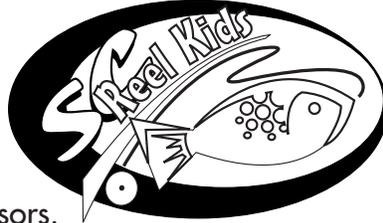


Crinkle Can Fish

South Carolina Aquatic Education Program

Materials:

- ✂️ Aluminum soda cans (one per person)
- ✂️ Silk flower petals or leaves and scissors.
- ✂️ Moveable plastic eyes
- ✂️ Glue - 527 Bond or other craft glue
- ✂️ Small paint brushes for detail work
- ✂️ Acrylic spray paint in colors that match the general body colors of the fish you want to make (Dark green, gray, white, bluish-gray, brown)
- ✂️ Acrylic (bottled) paint in a spectrum of colors to match the various body features that need to be painted such as stripes, spots, gills, (black, red, blue, orange, etc.)
- ✂️ Metallic acrylic paint is optional. When brushed lightly over the body, it gives the fish a slight shimmer



Instructions:

1. Rinse out an aluminum soda can and let dry.
2. Flatten the can: Squeeze the can by hand to begin the flattening process. Ensure that the entire bottom of the can will be facing up when finished (it becomes the mouth, see above picture) and the top of the can will brunch completely behind the body. Finish the flattening process by stepping on the can. (Be sure to wear shoes.)
3. Paint the can:
 - ✂️ Spray a base coat of body color on the front of the fish (green for example if making a largemouth bass). Dry. Flip over and paint the back of the can. Dry. Spray additional body colors on the front side of the fish, over the first layer of paint, if needed for the type of fish you are painting (light belly on a largemouth bass for example.) Dry.
 - ✂️ Add details with brushed paints. Paint the bottom of the can black to make fish's mouth. Add a pink tongue. Paint on scales, gills and other identifying features. Dry.
4. Make fins & attach to can: Use the silk flower petals or leaves for the fins. Some will already be an appropriate shape. Others can be cut into shape. They may also be painted with acrylic paint or magic markers if more detail is desired. Glue to can in the correct position and let dry.
5. Glue the eyes on.
6. Finish the back of can: Glue on a loop of string or wire for hanging. Another way to finish the back to use as a decoration around garden ponds or in potted plants is to glue a bamboo skewer to the back. Glue a piece of felt or thin cardboard to cover the back for a more finished look.