

Tin Can HERBS



Herbs can be planted in different ways depending on your space.

Help the environment by reusing old tin cans to make fun and simple herb planters.



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Plan your tin can herbs

Start saving your used tin cans. You usually find them with soup, beans or spaghetti inside. Enjoy a delicious meal and then wash out your empty tins.

Don't forget to select an array of tasty herbs to go inside your planters.

Top Tip: Choose herbs you can add to your favourite meals.

Equipment needed

- Empty and wash tin cans
- Compost
- A selection of yummy herbs
- Brightly coloured acrylic or spray paint
- Screwdriver or electric drill

Let's make your tin can herbs!

1. Prepare your tin cans by using a screwdriver or electric drill to make drainage holes – this will need to be done by a responsible adult.
2. Paint your tin cans in lots of lovely bright colours. Use acrylic or spray paints as these will be hard wearing. Leave to dry fully. Be warned, this bit can be messy!
3. Fill your tin cans with compost. Be sure to leave room for your herb plants.
4. Organise your herbs so that you know which plant is going into which coloured tin, that way if you forget what the herb is, the colour will remind you.
5. Plant your herbs into the tin cans, make sure to water them well!
6. Find somewhere sunny for your herb planters such as a table in a warm spot outside or your kitchen windowsill.



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