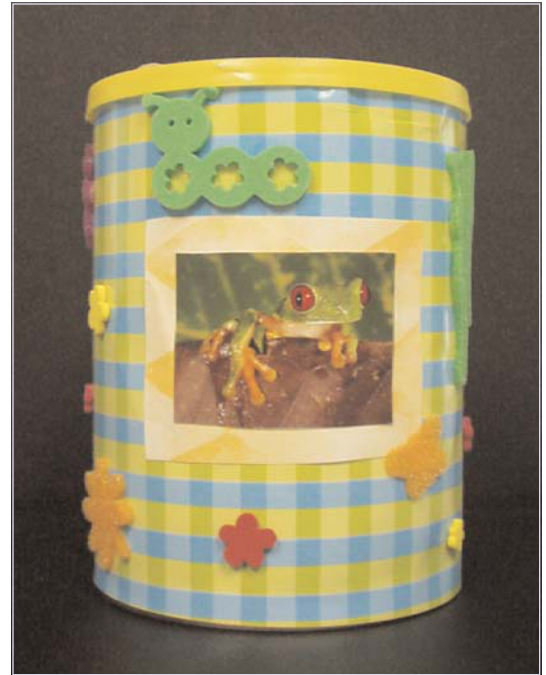


PUZZLE-in-a-can

Items you will need to make a puzzle in a gift can:

- a picture page from an old wall calendar
- small picture cut from back page of the calendar that matches the large picture page above (if available)
- a piece of cardboard or an empty cereal box the same size as your calendar page
- a can with a lid to hold the puzzle pieces (a small coffee can works well)
- fabric or decorative paper to cover the can and the top of the lid
- ribbons, colored paper, stamps, pens, etc. to decorate the top of the can lid
- pinking shears or decorative edge scissors
- craft glue and hot glue gun



Instructions:

- Glue the large calendar picture page to the piece of cardboard or cereal box. If needed, trim edges that are not covered with cardboard.
- Use a pencil to draw shapes for the puzzle on the back of the cardboard. Make sure the pieces are small enough to fit into the can.
- Use a craft knife and cutting mat (or other protected surface) to cut out puzzle pieces along the lines you have drawn.
- Remove the lid from the can. Measure around the can and add approximately 1/2", then measure the height of the can.
- Use those measurements to cut a piece of fabric or decorative paper. Overlap the short edges at the back, and glue the fabric or paper to the can.
- Trace the lid on the second fabric or paper. Use decorative scissors or pinking shears to cut just inside the circle. Glue to top of can lid.
- Glue the small calendar picture to a piece of colored paper, leaving a small border. Glue the picture to the front of the can.
- Tie several lengths of ribbon into a bow and curl the ends. Attach a bow and tag to the can lid with glue if desired.



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