



Upcycling - FIMO vases with leaf metal



Upcycling - creating pretty FIMO vases out of old tin cans

Flowers always make the prettiest decorations – and flowers come into their own in these stylish home-made vases. With an empty tin can, some FIMO and some leaf metal, it'll take you no time at all to conjure up an absolutely beautiful DIY decoration that'll also make a wonderful present!



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Knead three blocks of mint FIMO until soft and then roll into a ball. Roll out to an even thickness of about 0.5 - 1 cm using the acrylic roller, ensuring that the width of the FIMO sheet is about the same as the height of your tin.

Tip: Work in progress and left-over material should be protected against sun and heat and can be stored in a screw-top jar or in cling film to protect it from dust and dirt.

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Lay the tin on the FIMO sheet and cut the left edge of the sheet straight using the blade.



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Now wrap the FIMO around the tin and cut to size.

Roll the tin backwards and forwards along your working surface, applying gentle pressure to close the join and ensure that the FIMO sticks firmly to the tin.

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Trim the upper and lower edges so that the FIMO is the same size as the tin.





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Smooth the “seam” with your modelling tool until the join is invisible.

Then harden the covered tin in the oven at 110°C / 230°F for 30 minutes and allow to cool completely.

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Apply size for leaf metal to the lower third of the tin using the paintbrush and leave for about 15 minutes to become tacky.



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Now take the leaf metal and apply it to the tin. It will only stick to the surfaces where you have applied size. Brush to and fro over the surface with a dry paintbrush to remove any excess.

Tip: It creates a particularly pretty effect if you apply more leaf metal to the lower area and gradually less as you move upwards.

Finally, apply varnish for leaf metal using the paintbrush to protect the leaf metal.

And you're done!

Material overview



What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
FIMO® effect 8020 Oven-hardening modelling clay - Single product mint	8020-505	3
FIMO® 8700 05 Acrylic roller - Blistercard Acrylic roller for an even rolling out of FIMO, for a particularly smooth surface, Ø 25 mm, length 20 cm	8700 05	1
FIMO® Refill Cutter 8700 14 Refill Cutter - Blistercard containing 3 knives, 2 rubber handle	8700 14	1
FIMO® 8781 Leaf metal - Single product Leaf metal, gold	8781-11	1
FIMO® 8782 Size for leaf metal - Blistercard containing 1 jar of size for leaf metal, 35 ml	8782 BK	1
FIMO® 8783 Varnish for leaf metal - Blistercard containing 1 jar of varnish for leaf metal, 35 ml	8783 BK	1

Additionally required:

Smooth working surface (glass or ceramic), an empty (ovenproof!) tin can