



## DID YOU KNOW?

A single pencil can be used to write up to 45,000 words.



# Make pencil cups from recycled cans

## What you'll need

- Recycled cans, cleaned out
- Scrap corrugated cardboard, such as from a shipping box
- Scissors
- Glue (ideally hot glue for a stronger bond, or white glue)
- Primer to create brighter colors (optional)
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic craft paint

## Instructions

1. To make an animal head, cut a thin semi-circle from the cardboard. To cut the corrugated cardboard and make it easier to bend, cut the strips so the lines inside the cardboard go up and down, not side to side. Cut as many heads as the number of cans you have.
2. With an adult's supervision, glue the heads onto the top of the cans. Allow the glue to set or dry.
3. Optional: Prime cans (and the cardboard head top) to cover any printing on the cardboard and to achieve a brighter color.

4. Cut out cardboard ears, snouts, and arms. Glue the shapes to the cans and allow the glue to set or dry.
5. Paint the animals however you like. You can paint the main color first, allow it to dry, and then add details like lighter spots, eyes, markings, and noses.

**TIP** Save different-size cans to organize all your desk items: taller cans for markers, pens, and pencils and shorter cans for crayons or scissors.



## ECO TIP OF THE WEEK

### HEAD TO SCHOOL ON FOOT

If you live close enough to your school, it's a great idea to walk or ride your bike whenever you can. This is not only fun and good exercise, but it also helps cut down on pollution from cars in your neighborhood. You can even talk to your family about starting what's called a "walking bus" for your block, which is a clever way of saying a group of kids meet up near their homes to walk to school together. Just be sure to always be safe while walking or biking. Stay on the sidewalk when walking, walk or ride in the same direction as traffic, cross at designated spots with crossing guards, and wear a helmet if biking.



Walk to school with others.