Make a Tin Can Lantern:

Because there's nothing quite like basking in the glow of a can with fire in it.



You'll need:

- An empty tin can (chopped tomato cans are best because of the white lining inside)
- A large nail
- A hammer
- Some water
- A freezer
- A tea towel
- A piece of paper measuring about 15 x 10cm
- A marker pen
- And some masking tape
- (Optional: Some thick wire and pliers)

Method:

- 1.) Wash out your tin can and fill it with water; stick it in the freezer overnight
- 2.) Draw a pleasing pattern of dots onto your paper
- 3.) Remove the can from the freezer; tape the paper over your can label.

- 4.) Bunch up your tea towel and lay the can on top of it, on its side. This'll help keep your can steady.
- 5.) Take your hammer and nail, and gently punch a hole through each dot. Start at the bottom, or ice will just start flying everywhere.
- 6.) If you'd like to hang your lantern up somewhere, you can also punch a hole in both sides of the top of the can.
- 7.) Put the can in the sink, let the ice melt.
- 8.) Remove the paper and label, and let it dry.
- 9.) Put a tealight in the bottom; enjoy your tiny fire can.
- 10.) (Optional: thread sturdy wire through the holes at the top to hang it up.)

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