# Eat the Tuna Keep the Can 

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Can we up-cycle cans that we would otherwise discard? Yes, we have an opportunity to make something unique with something overlooked. The humble Can can be something of beauty. That lowly Can can be part of your creative experience and shared with others when given as a gift. Let's raise the humble Tuna Can to lofty heights!

Supplies: note - experiment with different size cans, cutters and domes
Basics - Can of your choice, pasta machine, roller, oven
Polymer Clay 1-2 blocks of clay or as much as needed to cover your base, depending on the size of your can (l used Premo and my can is $101 / 2$ " circumference by slightly under 2" high)
Ruler \& measuring tape
Tissue blade
Round cutters $21 / 2 " \& 41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ cutters by Ateco (atecousa.com) or ruler and X-acto knife, or a cereal bowl.
Silk screen (soap \& water near by)
Acrylic paint \& applicator
Extruder \& dies
Deli paper \& couple pieces of patty paper.
Ball stylus, medium size
3-inch dome (use a smaller dome with a smaller can)
Liquid Bakeable Clay
Water (a smidgen to dip your finger in as a repellent)
Corn starch
Washi tape or masking tape
Facial Tissue (Kleenex) - just a couple of sheets
Optionals - palette knife to remove clay from dome, texture sheets, mica powder, alcohol ink, etc

