

RECYCLING

Transform
Old into New

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What you need:

A small empty can (e.g. tuna), a piece of knitted wool or similar material, some glue, scissors and fabric or paper to decorate the outside of the can.



For this project, I used remnants from a discarded sweater, cut in long strips, and the width a bit more than twice the depth of the can, so that the material is higher than the rim. It was then folded along the length and rolled tight to equal the diameter of the can.

If you don't have enough material to fit into the depth of the can, cut discs of cardboard as spacers, glued to the bottom of the can.

Next, have fun decorating the exterior of the can. Et Voila! A new pin cushion.



You can also use an old Mason jar lid. Cut the roll a bit narrower.



A traveling version of the pin cushion (above left) uses a deeper can with a lid. All you need do is ensure that the tops of your pins are below the top edge of the can. A tight fitting lid will keep everything inside.