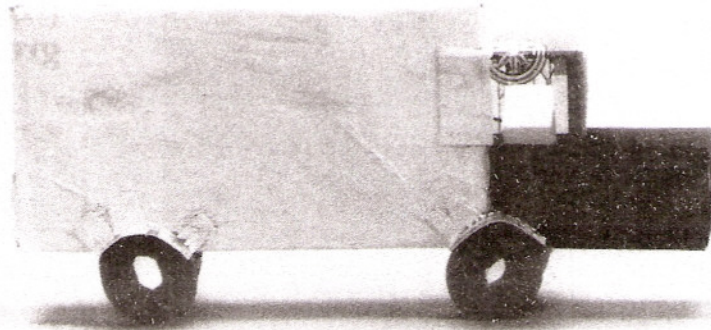


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Tin-can Vehicles



At Brazilian markets, it is very common to find simple—yet wonderful—toys for children. Rag dolls, wooden trucks, and metal balancing toys are available as well as a variety of small vehicles made from tin cans.

Tin-can cars and trucks are made by adults and older children for youngsters and the marketplace. Here is how the vehicles are made: First, several cans are washed out. Next, the cans are bent into appropriate shapes, then nailed together. Finally, the vehicles are painted. Sometimes the colorful labels are visible, which adds to the charm of these durable toys.

HOW TO MAKE A Tin-can Vehicle

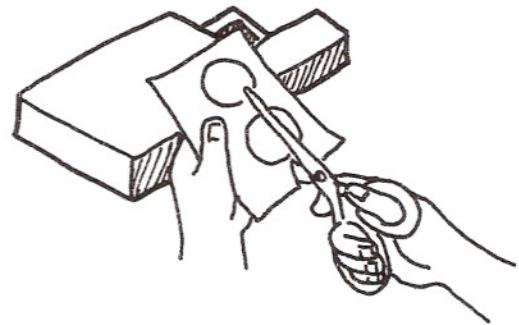
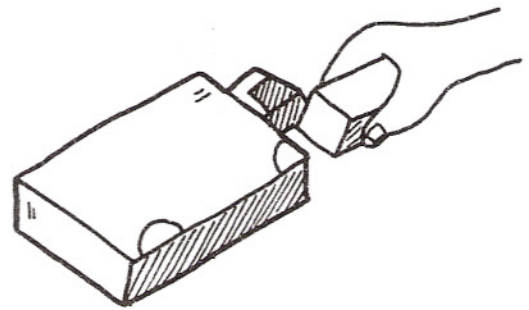
Note: In the interest of safety, cardboard boxes will be used instead of tin cans. You might want to point out to students that both craft projects represent creative ways to recycle.

Materials

- glue
- small to medium-sized cardboard boxes (cereal boxes, shoe boxes)
- scissors
- scraps of cardboard
- tempera paint
- pencils
- newspapers (to cover tables while working)

Directions

1. Arrange several boxes to create a car or truck shape. Use a pencil to indicate where the doors, windows, wheel wells, etc., will go.
2. Use scissors to cut out pencil-marked doors, windows, wheel wells, etc.
3. Glue the boxes together.
4. From scraps of cardboard and other boxes, cut out additional shapes for wheels, passengers, cargo, etc.
5. Glue those shapes to the vehicle.
6. Paint with tempera paint. Let dry.



Follow-up

- Use the vehicles as a springboard to writing. Here are a few ideas:
 1. Pretend your toy vehicle is real. Where do you want to go? Describe your dream trip.
 2. Pretend your toy vehicle is real. Create a list of all the ways you can use it to help your community.
 3. Imagine that someone else wants to make a vehicle just like yours. As clearly as you can, write down every step it took to make it.