

Foil Hanging Decorations Workshop delivered by Kirsti Hannah Brown

Materials

Thick aluminium foil food trays

Equipment

Thin card from a cereal box or cutting mat if you have one

Tea towel

Spoons

Scissors

Ballpoint pen

Masking tape

Nail and hammer

Thread or ribbon

Tapestry needle

Process

- Prepare the foil, cut out the base of the tray by cutting down each corner and then cutting off the sides.
- Place the thin card on top of the folded tea towel
- Tape down all the sides of the flat foil onto the thin card- this keeps the sharp edges covered
- Use the curve of a spoon to smooth out the press moulded shapes on the foil
- Using the ballpoint pen draw on the outline of your chosen shape from your resources or designs
- Then add the detail and pattern with the pen – if you have different nib sizes of ballpoint pens you can alter the weight of the lines for extra detail
- When you have added all the details fold the tea towel up a bit more and place your card and foil decorations on top again

- Decide where you want to place the hole for the thread and hammer the nail gently, turn the card over and find the little holes and knock through from the reverse to widen the hole a little more
- Remove the foil from the card
- Cut the shape out carefully with the scissors, it is a good idea if you have fiddly edges to cut those out once the main shape is cut out
- The aluminium can be cleaned if needed with a paste of cream of tartar and then rinsed and dried
- Finally thread the ribbon or twine through, you may need to use a large needle to do this