Mike Badger Sculpture Workshop

Written step by step guide on how to make each item.

Tools: Can opener Small hammer Panel pins Tin snips Bull nose pliers

Materials: 3 tin cans (ends removed and labels) Offcut of wood (approx 20/30 cm in height) Old Valve (or light bulb) Scraps of interesting metal (Eg. Lead sheet, reflective aluminium, etc) Random interesting Found metal items.

Firstly this can be hazardous as opened tins are sharp so you must treat the material with respect and be careful at all times. These are not toys to be played with by children but ornamental sculpture for the mantle piece.

Open up a tin can but take the rim off the can (not just the lid) - this can be done by placing the blade of the opener at the side of the lid rather than the top.

When lids are off, cut a straight line down the cylinder and open out into a rectangular sheet of tin.

Wrap this around the wood (take into consideration size wooden off cut beforehand) Then nail through tin into wood with panel pin. This secures the tin to the wood and you can start to construct whatever your imagination conjures up.

Tips:

Check for symmetry by looking to make sure things look even on both sides. Always snip off any sharp corners, make sure pins are long enough to hold but not too long so they appear through the wood on the other side.