

# Shabby Chic Can of Flower Bells

## You Will Be A Needin':

Empty small coffee can  
Scraps of contrasting material  
Material to cover can (pictured is a stained cut up bed skirt)  
Green floral stems  
floral foam  
Spanish Moss  
Five rusty bells  
Greenery  
Small white flower greenery  
Wire cutters  
pliers (to bend floral stems)  
Hot glue gun and glue sticks  
Batting  
Stuffing  
Thick Rope

## For Staining:

Instant coffee, vanilla extract, fragrance oil (optional)

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A Lillie Mae's Craft original design by Brenda Greenwalt

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( Approximately 15 inches tall with greenery)

Read through all directions before beginning.

### Instructions

#### Flowers:

1. Print and cut out flower pattern. Trace on double layer material; do NOT cut out.
2. Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines.
3. On back, cut a small slit in center for turning. Clip curves and turn.
4. Stain using the recipe and directions below at the end of these instructions.
5. Stuff lightly being sure there is a little stuffing in each petal. Sew opening closed.
6. Bend each petal, one by one, in towards center and secure with a few hand stitches.
7. Sew a large rusty bell in center of each flower.
8. Bend green floral stems in half and twist together. Glue top of stems to back of flowers.

#### Decorated Can:

1. Clean and dry a small coffee can.
2. Measure width and length of can and cut 2 pieces of batting to size. Glue this around can with hot glue gun. (NOTE: Do not cover bottom with batting as this makes it hard to stand upright.)
3. Do the same with the material you have chosen to cover your can with being sure to leave enough at bottom to cover bottom of can. When gluing on bottom, ease the material around the width of the bottom of the can gluing as you go.
4. Measure top width of can and cut rope to this size.
5. Stain rope with recipe and directions given below at the end of these instructions.
6. Glue the rope around top of can to cover where your material and the can meet at the top. (NOTE: I glue 2 rounds of the rope.)

#### Finish:

1. Cut floral foam and place in bottom of can.
2. Cover this with Spanish moss.
3. Cut flower stems to desired length and arrange flowers.
4. Measure width of can and cut a piece of material to size and about 1-3/4 inches wide. Tie a bow with same material and glue to center.

#### Staining Directions:

Mix together in glass jar with lid; 1 cup of instant coffee, 1/4 cup vanilla extract with 2 cups very warm water. Add fragrance oil to your taste. I threw these into my dryer rather than baking but the choice is yours. If you use your dryer, be sure to clean it out before you use it for clean clothes. If you bake, bake at 200 for 10 minutes. If you need

to bake longer, bake at 5 minute increments. DO NOT LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED AS IT CAN CATCH ON FIRE. NEVER LEAVE A BURNING OVEN UNATTENDED.

You're done with Shabby Chic Can of Flower Bells. I hope you enjoyed making it as much as I enjoyed designing it. If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

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**NOTE:** To preserve pattern, print out all, fold, and place in Zip lock bag being sure the picture on the cover can be seen.

