



## Caleb's Paint Can Treasure Holder

### Supplies:

one new/empty paint can  
paint can opener  
fat quarter Chalk Cloth  
8" Velcro, fusible or sew on  
Flexible, vinyl measuring tape  
chalk  
spiral key ring holder  
small flash light with hook clasp  
glue gun  
glow in the dark spray paint

Here's a great project for a youngster who likes to have his/her own special place for their treasures. This especially works if they have a younger sibling that will not be able to use the paint can opener.

This can was decorated with Chalk Cloth, a measuring tape, attached paint can opener, detachable mini flashlight, and a glow-in-the-dark paint can lid!

### Step One: Prime the Chalk Cloth

The surface of the Chalk Cloth must be primed before use. Do this by rubbing the side of a piece of common chalk over the entire surface from top to bottom and side to side. Using a soft cloth, wipe off the chalk and repeat.

To erase chalk, wipe with a soft cloth. To renew the cloth after use, wipe with a damp sponge and follow the instructions to prime the surface again.

### Step Two: Cutting the Chalk Cloth

From the primed Chalk Cloth, cut a piece  $21 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 7 \frac{3}{8}''$ .

Align one short end of Chalk Cloth with the seam of paint can. Start wrapping the cloth around the can and over the first "bump". Center of bump has a hole in it. Using a pen or pencil, poke through the Chalk Cloth over the hole. Remove cloth.

Turn cloth to wrong side. Align a dime over the poked hole having hole in the center of the dime. Trace around dime. Remove dime. If your trace line is not exactly centered over the pierced hole, try to recenter and trace around the dime again. Cut the hole by first making it smaller and testing it on the paint can until the cloth smoothly goes over the bump.

With the cloth starting at the seam on the can and with it over the first bump, bring the fabric to the second bump and poke a hole in it. Remove cloth and with right sides together, bring poked hole to center of cut hole. Trace around the cut hole and cut out.

### Step Three: Adding the Velcro

If using fusible Velcro, on the right side of the first short edge of cloth, space out four sections of the loop Velcro. Follow package directions for adhering. You must have the Velcro side of cloth face down with a pressing cloth on top. Only fuse for 45 seconds. Cool, check the bond. On wrong side of second short edge, space out four sections of the hook Velcro. Repeat as above.

If using sew-on Velcro, sew the loop part of the Velcro to one short end and the hook to the other end.

### Step Four: Adding Tap Measure

With cloth flat on a hard surface, place measuring tape across top, from one short end to the other. Cut. Repeat for bottom of cloth.

Using a glue gun, press a thin coat of glue about 6" along the top. Quickly place measuring tape over glue aligning the top edges. Press down. Add more glue in small increments until tape is completely along the top of cloth.

Repeat for bottom of cloth.

### Step Five: Painting the Lid

Follow direction on the spray can to spray paint the lid of the paint can.

### Step Six: Finishing it up

Snuggly place the cloth over the paint can, using the Velcro to secure it in place.

Connect paint can opener to the spiral key ring holder and slip onto handle. Connect handle to paint can. Attach flash light to other side of handle. Place chalk inside can, and seal lid.

Teach your child how to properly open the paint can with the paint can tool.

- Insert paint can tool between the lid and edge of the can.
- Pry downward around circumference of the can.