

## Tin Punch Project Guidelines

### **Age groups:**

*Beginner* – ages 11 and younger

*Intermediate* – ages 12-13

*Senior* – ages 14 and older

### **Notes:**

- All tin, copper, or metal foil punch projects must be free standing, or ready to hang.
- Hot glue does not stick to metal very well at all!
- Hangers must be strong enough to hold a project for a long time.
- All raw metal edges are to be mounted or completely finished.

**Beginner Projects:** Begin with basic open designs without a lot of details. Patterns may include outlines of animals, hearts, simple geometric designs, etc. Project could be done on three canning jar lids ready to hang, or a pie pan, which can be hung. For example a five x seven-inch picture size, ready to hang. You are not limited to these ideas.

Second year projects should add detail lines or lettering. First year and second year projects will be judged based on even spacing of holes, uniformity of holes, neatness of design, and the spacing of the design on the finished work. The required skills would include a basic tracing of patterns, and the ability to space and make uniform holes. Projects should be finished with a simple spray finish. No coloring is allowed at this level.

**Intermediate Projects:** Intermediate projects should have more complicated design by adding more details and possibly adding words to the projects. Intermediate projects may use painting on the metal. Decorative punches or scissors may be used in the design of the project. Suggested finishes may include spray paints, protective paints, sharpie markers, varnishes, or a baked and sprayed finish.

**Senior Projects:** Senior projects should add skills such as embossing, using decorative punches, or making a design from scratch. Hopefully the project will be a useful project such as a trashcan, towel rack, cabinet door front, or breadbox. Adding special finishes could be done by using a sharpie marker or acrylic paints. Antiquing using silver, sulfur, or copper toner flakes is not recommended unless the 4-H member or youth has well-developed project skills. These products contain poison chemicals, which can cause serious injury when not used correctly.