

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

# HOW TO

A SERIES OF  
PROJECTS FOR  
the beginning  
miniature maker

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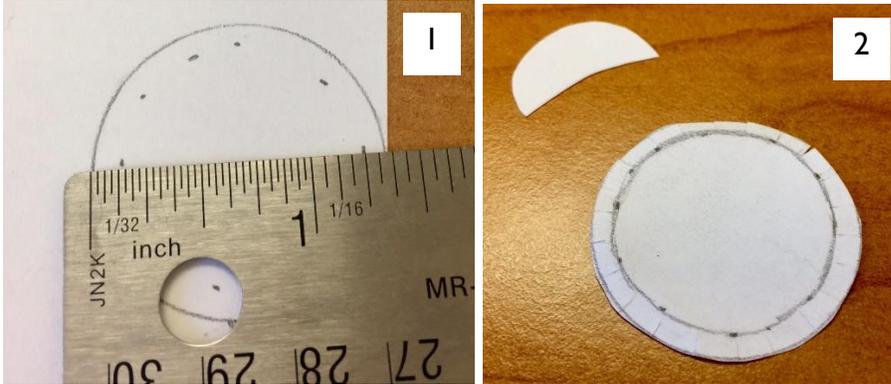


## Materials and Supplies:

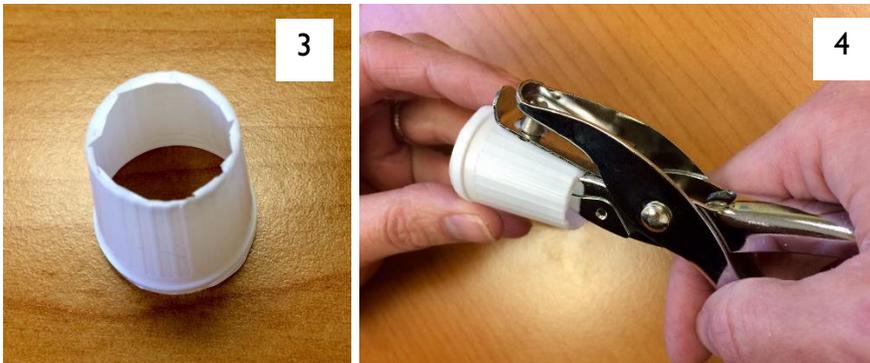
1 sheet cardstock  
discarded coffee creamer cup  
two large gold sequins  
glossy red spray paint  
spout pattern (below)  
pencil, ruler, scissors, standard hole punch,  
paint brush, Tacky glue, awl, masking tape

## Instructions:

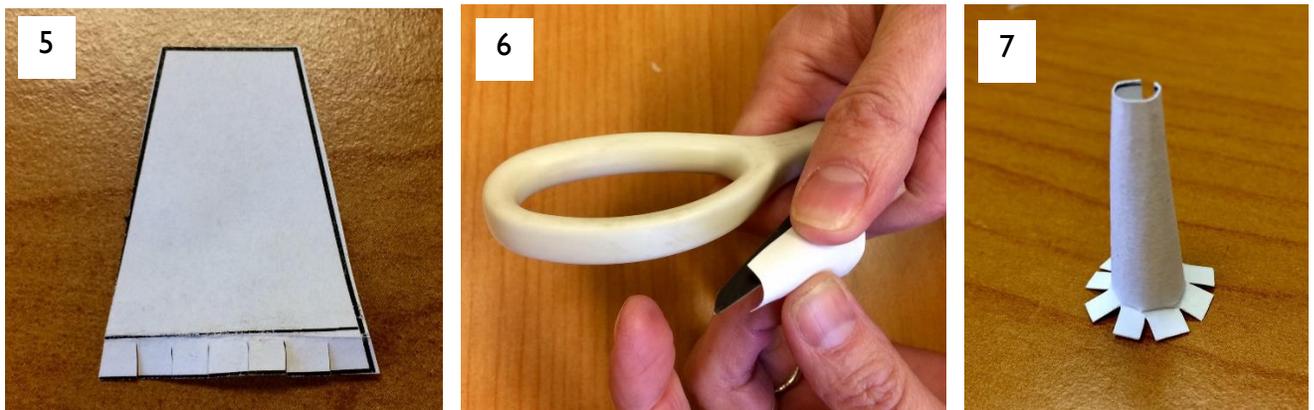
1. Print the spout pattern on the cardstock. Trace the top and bottom of your cup's circumference on the cardstock. Cut out the spout pattern and two circles. (Set the spout pattern to the side for use in step 6.) The larger circle will be the base of your watering can. You will use the smaller circle on the top of the watering can.



2. Measure  $1/8$ " around the perimeter of the large circle and draw a line. Then, clip around the edge of the circle to the pencil line. See illustration 1 and 2. Cut the smaller circle in half slightly concave. See illustration 2. Set these pieces to the side for use in step 7.



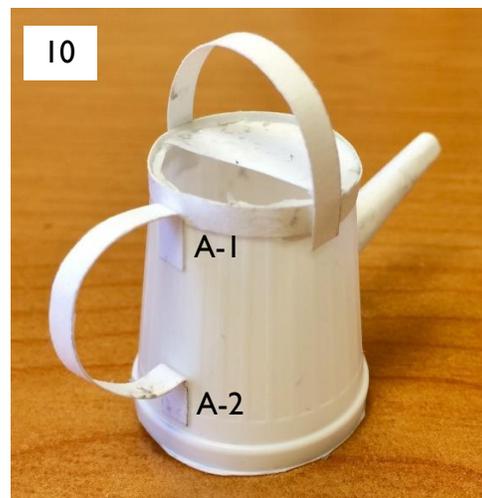
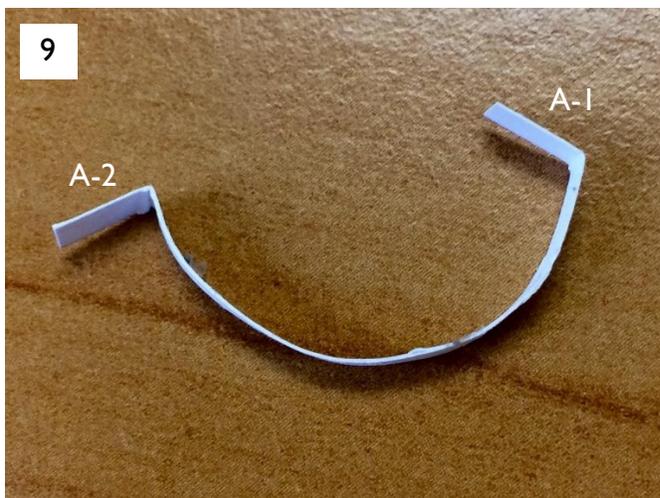
3. Use your scissors to trim away the lip on the top of the coffee creamer cup. Turn the cup over and gently poke a hole into the bottom of the cup with your scissor. Cut away most of the bottom leaving just a slight lip on one side as pictured in illustration 3.
4. Slide the hole-punch through the opening in the bottom of the creamer cup, in the center of the area where you left a slight lip, as far down the side of the cup as it will go, and punch a hole. See illustration 4. Your spout will be inserted in this hole.



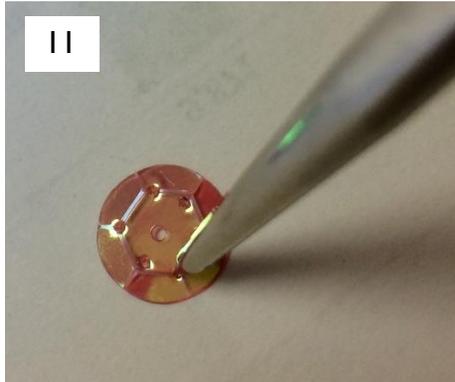
- Now you will create the spout. Fold the lower edge of the spout pattern along the line. Open it out and cut small slits every 1/8" from the edge to the pencil line. See illustration 5. Next, use the blade of your scissor to curl the paper so you can create the tubular spout. See illustration 6. Once you have the paper curling into a tube. Bend the tabs at the bottom out. See illustration 7. Glue the seam of the spout with Tacky glue. TIP: Apply the glue with a brush. Slip the spout around a tapering form, such as another small paintbrush handle, and then rub the seam you are gluing with your finger to seal the glued edges together.



- Apply Tacky glue to the outside of the tabs of the spout. With the seam on the spout facing down, slide the spout into the hole in the creamer cup (watering can body) from the inside, angling it slightly upward and gluing it in place. See illustration 8.
- Pick up the large circle you created in steps 1 and 2, and fold the tabs up and inward. Apply Tacky glue to the tops of the tabs and then position the circle inside the bottom of the watering can body. Press the tabs to the inside of the watering can gluing them in place.
- Now apply Tacky glue to the lip that you left, on what is now the top of the watering can, and attach the semi-circle created in steps 1 and 2, to the top of the watering can body.
- Draw and cut a 1/8" wide strip of cardstock 7" long. Cut the strip into one 3" and two 2" pieces. The 3" strip will be trim for the top edge of your watering can. The 2" strips will be the top and side handles of your watering can.
- Curl each strip by pulling the length of each one along the blade of your scissor. Apply Tacky glue to the inside (concave) edge of your 3" strip and attach it to the top outside perimeter of the watering can.



11. Bend the ends of one of the 2” strips forming  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” tabs as pictured in illustration 9. Apply glue to side “A” of each tab (indicated in the illustration). This will be the side handle of your watering can. Attach the handle to the can opposite the spout. Tab “A-1” should be at the top of the can and tab “A-2” near the bottom. Attach the other 2” strip to the top of your watering can to form the top handle. See illustration 10.
12. Now you will paint your watering can. TIP: To keep your project from moving while you spray paint it you can tape it in place. Use masking tape and form a loop with the sticky side out. Attach the loop to the bottom of your watering can and then stick the tape to the surface where you will spray painting. Use glossy red spray paint and paint the watering can following directions on the can.



13. Use an awl to punch holes around the center of one large gold sequin. See illustration 11. Apply Tacky Glue to the concave side of the other sequin and sandwich the two concave sides of the sequins together. Once dry, use Tacky glue to attach the sequins to the end of the watering can spout. Be sure the sequin with the holes is facing out.

### Spout pattern

(\* Extras provided to account for mistakes.)

