

Tin Punch Project Guidelines

Age Groups:

Beginner – Ages 7-11

Junior – Ages 12-15

Senior – Ages 16-19

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.
- Hangers must be strong enough to hold your project for a long time.
- All raw metal edges are to be mounted or completely finished.

Beginners:

- First year - start with basic open designs without a lot of details. Patterns could 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 could also be hung for a wall decoration. You could also do a piece mounted in a 5x7" picture frame ready to hang. These are just suggestions, and not limited to these ideas.
- Second year – exhibitors should start adding detail lines or lettering.
- First & 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.*

Intermediates:

- Projects should have more complicated design by adding more details and possibly adding words.
- 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.

Seniors:

- Exhibitors should add skills such as embossing, using decorative punches, or making a design from scratch.
- Project suggestions include trash can, 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 exhibitor has well-developed project skills...these products contain poison chemicals, which can cause serious injury when not used correctly.***