

Tuna Can Preparation

Special Equipment

To be able to use the lid of cans again, you will need to open the can with a “Safety Can Opener”. This type of opener has a cutting blade that penetrates the seal of the can, leaving edges that are completely smooth and totally safe and the lid fits back on the can.

If you have problems finding one, email me at trish@polyclayplay.com and I will offer the Safety Can Opener on www.pyclayplay.com. The opener is easy to use and leaves you with a can and a lid that are great for covering with polymer clay.

I have seen ads on television for an electric one and there are manual ones available.

6 oz. Tuna Can

Open your 6 ounce tuna can using the “Safety Can Opener” (see Special Equipment).

Enjoy your tuna salad!

Clean the can well. You can use fine steel wool to clean the edges.

Save the lid. You will either decorate the lid or glue it to the bottom of the can with super glue, depending on the project you are doing.



Small Tuna Can

There are two ways to open the small tuna can depending on which project you are working on.

Use the “Safety Can Opener” to open the can or just pop the top.

If you pop the top, the cans will fit on top of each other because of the lip left on the inside of the can.

If you use the “Safety Can Opener”, you can cover the lid with clay and it will fit on top of the can without falling in.



Tuna Can Basics

Once you have opened your can with a “Safety Can Opener” and cleaned it well, scrape off any glue left on the lid edges.

For nesting projects, you will need to glue the lid to the bottom of the can. This will make the cans nest on top of each other nicely. Use a “Super Glue” to glue it in place.

Save a lid to use as the very top lid of your stack. One can in the stack will not have a lid glued to it. This will be the bottom can. In the “Clay Cutter Caddy” (Sample Club Recycle Project), the blue can is the bottom of the stack. It does not have a lid glued to its bottom. All the others do. The lid that is left is decorated and used as the top for the red can in the caddy.

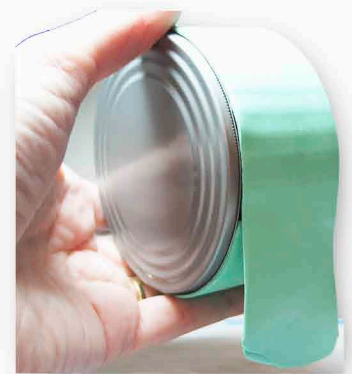
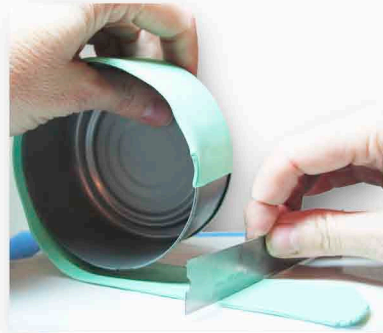


Tip: Spray the top edge of the can and the lid edges on the outside with gold spray paint (or any color to match your project) to give it a finished look before adding clay to the can.

If you are not stacking the cans, cut a piece of clay to cover the bottom of the can, smoothing out any bubbles and smoothing the side seams to the bottom seams.

Select clay the color your project calls for. Trim one end of a strip of this clay (PM2) long and wide enough to go around your can. Roll it around your can, starting with the cut end pressing it gently as you go, working out any air bubbles. Roll the end over the long end and press slightly, leaving a mark to trim it by. Unroll the clay slightly and cut the end. Press the ends together and smooth the edges.

Use a needle tool and trim the top edge evenly around the can.



Cut a piece of clay large enough to cover the lid. Starting in the middle, press the clay down working out any bubbles as you press it all the way to the edge of the lid. If you have a bubble that is hard to remove, poke a hole in it with a needle tool, work the bubble out, then smooth the hole back together.

Trim around the edge with a needle tool.



Follow the project instructions from here or decorate as desired and bake.