

Twig vase Instructions

Supplies

Included: tin can, raffia or twine, rubber band

Not included: twigs, hot glue

Our March crafts are nature themed to coincide with the *NEA Big Read: Sangamon County* program through the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lincoln Land Community College. This program is aimed at broadening our understanding of our world, communities, and ourselves through sharing the joy of a good book. The chosen book is Lab Girl by Hope Jahren.

Find out more about the *Big Read* and the many other events here:

<https://www.llcc.edu/community-education/academy-lifelong-learning/nea-big-read-sangamon-county/>

1. Scavenge for twigs. Take a walk around your yard, neighborhood, or a park and pick up twigs you think are pretty.
2. The tin can will be the form for the vase. The twigs will be the decoration on the outside of the tin can.
3. Make sure your twigs are dry.
4. Cut the twigs so they are the same height as the tin can or a centimeter or two taller. You can also break the twigs with your hands, depending on how clean or natural you want your vase to look.
 - a. When cutting the twigs, use garden sheers. Don't use regular scissors, they most likely won't be strong enough.
5. *Optional* Use hot glue to glue the twigs to the can. Not much is needed, just a dab or 2 of glue per twig to hold it in place.
6. If not using hot glue, put the rubber band around the tin can.



7. Add the twigs under the rubber band. The rubber band should hold the twigs in place.
8. Once all of your twigs are under the rubber band, adjust as needed until you like what you have.
9. Wrap the twine or raffia around the rubber band a few times to hide the rubber band. Tie a knot or bow and trim any excess twine.



Note You will see some of the can between the twigs. Feel free to paint the can a similar color before you add the twigs if you'd like. I saw some examples online where everything, the tin can and the twigs, were painted white and that looked cute too. In general, embellish and tweak however you'd like.