

green it yourself



recycled wine rack

What is greener than organic wine? Storing organic wine in an wine rack made from reused materials!

This wine rack is super easy to make and the geometric design of it looks amazing. You may already have the cans you need to make the rack at home, but if not then you just buy some the next time you're at the store (and then plan a few meals around the food that comes inside). A standard-sized can won't be big enough for a wine bottle so you'll have to look for cans that are more than 3 inches in diameter for regular wine bottles and 4 inches for champagne bottles. You can also include smaller cans to stylize the rack or store half bottles. You want to make sure the bottoms of the cans don't have a rounded edge or else you won't be able to get them off with a can opener. Use around eight to ten cans for your rack.

gather materials



cans



metal glue

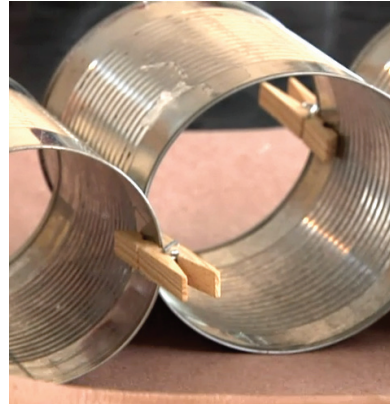


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let the green in

prep cans and glue them together



- A. Remove the tops and bottoms of the cans and any paper labels. Wash each can well.
- B. When you're ready to start assembling the wine rack, start with the champagne sized cans on the bottom for stability.
- C. There are two ways to assemble the rack: with glue or with beaded chain. If you choose glue, which creates a sleeker look, use a high quality glue like Gorilla or an epoxy adhesive. Offset each can so that you're not gluing them lip to lip because otherwise you won't connect enough surface area to attach the cans well. Use clothes pins to hold cans in place as the glue dries.
- D. For a stronger, more sturdy wine rack, use beaded chain instead of glue. At every point where two cans meet, loop a length of beaded chain through both and cut it so that the ends just barely meet. Use a fastener to attach the ends.
- E. If you'd like, you can paint the cans when you're finished assembling them. Feel free to get creative. For example, you can start with a base color and then add a stenciled pattern over it, around the cans. But if you like the look of the unadulterated cans then there's no need to paint them.

Once the it's finished you just need to find the perfect place for your new wine rack so you can show it off for all to see (and have easy access to its contents!). Then stock it with your favorite organic wines and invite a few friends over to enjoy the wine and, more importantly, admire your handiwork.

