

CountrySampler

Rope-Wrapped Planter

Inexpensively refashion a secondhand storage tin with rope to create an eye-catching planter that will give your decor a boost for spring.

Materials and Tools

- 1 round food tin, approximately 8" diameter, without lid
- 4 unfinished wood balls, 1½" diameter
- Wood stain or dark antiquing wax
- ¾" twisted sisal rope, at least 25' in length
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Vintage brooch and ribbon
- Scissors or utility knife
- Floral foam
- Artificial flowers and greenery



Instructions

1. Apply stain or wax to four wood balls and let dry.
2. Designate a front and back of the tin for the planter. Mark both for reference inside the tin.
3. Beginning at the bottom, glue the end of the rope to the back of the tin. Once the glue sets, pull the rope taut and wrap it around the tin. Apply glue to the entire inside surface of the rope while wrapping to form a strong bond. Take care to keep the rope level and neat. Continue wrapping until the tin is completely covered.
4. Once you reach the rim, change the wrapping technique slightly to form handles at both sides as a final touch. Leave enough slack in the rope to create loose handles as you wrap, gluing the rope to the previous row at the front and back. Snip the rope once it reaches the back of the tin and affix it with glue. Let dry.
5. Align the wood balls on the bottom of the tin and glue in place. Let dry.
6. Trim the planter with ribbon and a brooch.
7. Create a floral arrangement in the planter with floral foam and artificial stems.

Helpful Hint

Verify your rope is long enough by wrapping it around the tin completely before gluing.