

Fun Foil Forms

Tin Sculptures



Materials

Aluminum Foil

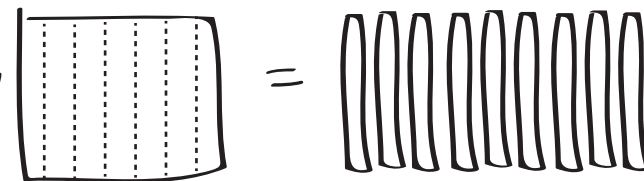
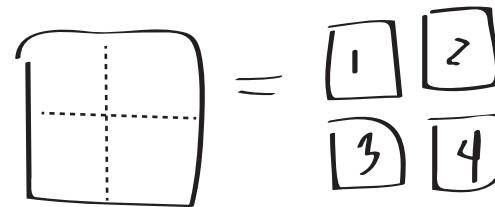
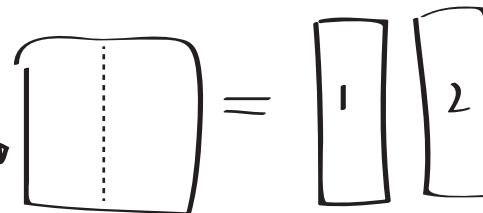
Optional
Scissors

Tin sculptures are miniature three-dimensional works of art that can be made with just a few sheets of aluminum tinfoil. You can roll, fold, pinch, twirl, wrap, and scrunch foil into forms that can be connected and combined to create unique metal masterpieces.

1 Prepare Your Foil

Tear or cut several sheets of tin foil into rectangles, squares and strips.

- (A) Start with 10 square sheets of foil (about 12" x 12" each).
- (B) **Rectangle:** fold one sheet of foil in half, crease, unfold, and tear or cut.
- (C) **Square:** fold one sheet of foil in half and in half again, unfold, and tear or cut into four squares.
- (D) **Strip:** take a rectangle or square and tear into 1" strips.
- (E) Extra sheets can be used to make additional forms.

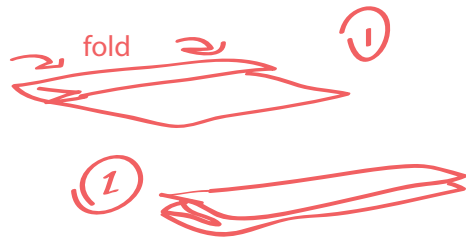
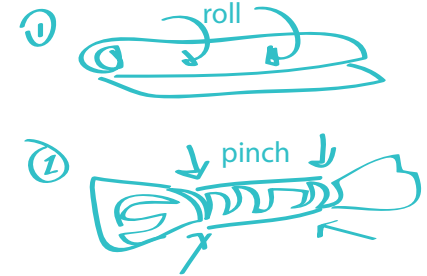




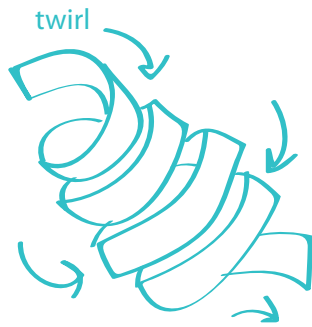
2 Make the pieces

Here are several different techniques for preparing the individual parts of your sculpture.

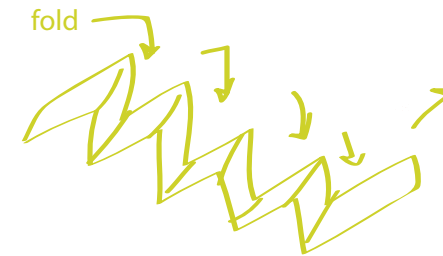
Pipe: Take one long rectangle of foil, and roll lengthwise. Don't press too hard to the point of flattening. Once you have a basic roll, you can pinch your roll until it is about the diameter of a straw, leaving the ends unpinched to attach to other pieces. Repeat this step with two more long rectangles and four small squares.



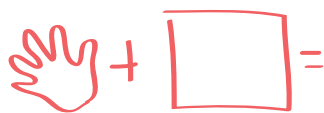
Flat Fold: Take a piece of your foil and lay it out flat, shiny side down. Fold your foil lengthwise, about the width of your pinky, press down in center and smooth out to the ends. Fold over and over again until you have a thin strip.



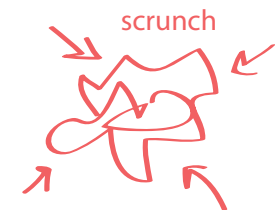
Accordion Fold: Take a Flat Fold piece, measure a thumb's width from the end and fold. Flip the strip over and fold the same way again in the opposite direction. Repeat until you have folded up the entire strip of foil, then carefully unfold.



Spiral Fold: Take a Flat Fold strip of foil, and wrap it around your finger to create a spiral. Remove from your finger and pull apart.



Scrunch: Take a small square piece of foil and scrunch it up with your hand. Add extra pieces to your first scrunched up piece to make it bigger or to mold another shape. You can use this method to create a base by scrunching several pieces together to help your sculpture stand up.



3 Put it Together!

Assemble your sculpture using the connecting techniques of wrapping, pinching and twisting!

Wrap: To connect the ends of a Flat Fold, Accordion or Spiral piece, find the ends of the strip, overlap ends, hold two sides together by pinching, and wrap a strip of foil around the area where they cross over. You also can attach different pieces together by wrapping thin strips around connecting pieces. Or wrap a flat piece of foil around a scrunched piece of foil to give a smoother look.



Pinch: Use two of your fingers to pinch the foil together. You can pinch your rolls, pinch a flat piece of foil into a shape or pinch a scrunched piece into a new form.

Twist: Take two pieces of foil, cross one over the other, and twist together to attach. You can also put unpinched ends together and twist to attach two ends.



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Take it Further!

- Make a 3D Abstract Flower with 3 long pipes, 4 short pipes, and 2 scrunches for the base.
- Make an abstract sculpture using at least 3 techniques.
- Use your imagination. What else can you make with all the techniques you have learned?

