

Let's Make a Figure

Materials

A large square
of Tin Foil

Extra Tin Foil
(not essential)

Tin can



Before you start! Ask an adult to make sure there are no sharp bits on your tin can.

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Remove the label from your can. This is going to be your plinth (base the sculpture sits on).

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Squeeze the middle of your tin foil together so it looks like a giant bow.

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Carefully rip the bottom bit in half and squeeze each bit together to form each leg.

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Slowly rip the top bit into three sections.

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Squeeze the outer two sections one by one to make each arm.

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Make the middle section into a ball for the head.

Spend a bit more time shaping your figure. You could look at some pictures of the human body to help you form the figure. Don't worry if it goes a bit out of shape. It doesn't need to be exact and you can always undo the foil and have another go.

Bend your figure at the joints. Shoulders, elbows, wrists, hips, knees, ankles. Think about the pose of your figure. How they are standing / sitting will show people how they are feeling or what action they may be doing.

If you have spare foil why not make some accessories to help people looking at your artwork understand what your figure is doing. Think of what you could use as a symbol to tell people what your figure is thinking/feeling. What could a sword show? What would a heart mean? Why might they be holding a goblet?

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Pose your figure on top of your tin can plinth and find a good place to exhibit (show off) your art work. Well done!

TOP TIP!! You might already have some suitable tiny accessories such as dolls house furniture or things from toy sets like Lego. Maybe you could repurpose something...for example if you are showing your figure is playing ball you could find a marble or bouncy ball to add to your sculpture.