

Time Capsules

Constructing a Time Capsule

By far the best modern material for burial is stainless steel, maybe a tin can with a plastic lid?. It is relatively inexpensive and easily fabricated, and its stability in adverse conditions is excellent.

The Contents

These may include such items as newspapers of the day, coins, photographs, letter detailing history of the century. If paper is included, separate items from each other by enclosing them in sealed plastic sleeves.

What you'll need:

- Empty can with plastic lid (mixed nuts, peanuts, potato chips, etc)
- Yellow construction paper
- Tape
- Red glitter glue
- Gold chenille stem
- Scissors
- Red acrylic paint
- White craft glue
- Piece of paper
- Pen or marker

How to make it:

1. Be sure that can is clean and dry. Wrap can with yellow construction paper, glue or tape in place.
2. Glue a piece of gold chenille around the bottom of the can. You will need to hold the chenille in place until the glue adheres.
3. Dip one finger from each family member in red paint and dab off excess on paper towel. Place a red fingerprint on the side of the can.
4. Use red glitter glue to write the year on the front of the can. Let it dry completely.
5. When dry, have each family member place a small item inside the can. Use a pen to write an "inventory" list on a piece of paper stating what each member added to the time capsule.
6. Place the list inside with the other items and seal the can with its lid.

