

# ¡HOJALATA!

(Mexican tin art)

**Arte en hojalata** (oh-hah-lah-tah), or tin art, is an artform that has been practiced in Mexico since the 16th century -- maybe even earlier! Artists cut, shape, emboss, and paint sheets of tin to create sculptures, ornaments, and decorative objects.

## You will need:

- thick aluminum foil or an aluminum baking pan
- permanent markers
- pencil
- a sheet of foam or cardboard (something soft to put under your aluminum)



**4** Flip the embossed sheet over so the traced lines are raised. Color the indented areas with permanent markers.

**5** Enjoy your artwork!



**1** Draw your design on paper. The final art will be the reverse of what you draw.

**2** Sandwich the aluminum between the paper and the foam. Tape everything down or hold securely so nothing shifts.

**3** Trace over your design, pressing firmly, to emboss it onto the aluminum. Remove the paper.