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How to Make Your Own Tab Collectors



Large Collector Cans

Need a big container for your tab collection? Here's a simple and relatively inexpensive project for a customized can for your school or office.

Materials

32 gallon trash can
Matching lid
Avery full sheet labels

1. A colorful, 32 gallon soft-side garbage can from any hardware store sells for around \$40, plus lid. We chose red to match our logo, but you can find other colors, too. (Gray cans with lids are a little less expensive.) Each can will hold around 38 pounds of tabs when full.
2. Cut out the center circle of the lid to leave a hole to drop in tabs.
3. A package of Avery brand white full-sheet labels sell for around \$12. Download the tab logo from our website at www.rmhcincinnati.org/donate-pull-tabs.aspx and print your own big sticker(s) for your can.
School logos and goal charts are fun, too!



Put it all together, and there you have it! A durable and decorative collection can customized just the way you like it! It's easily lifted onto a roller or dolly when it needs to be relocated or emptied.

Send us pictures of you creations! We'd love to feature them on our Facebook page!

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Certificate of Acknowledgment

Save 500 pounds

Gifts for your class

Save 1,000 pounds

Visit from Ronald McDonald and gifts for your class

* Roughly 27 full cans = 1,000 pounds



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Tubes



Here's a fun project for a handy tab keeper!
Hang it on any smooth surface (window or vending machine)

Materials

- Clear mailing tube(s): you choose the size (see picture 1). You'll need to keep the cap on the bottom, but the top will be open to drop in tabs.
- Suction Cup(s): In addition to the tubes, you'll need at least one suction cup (proportionate to the size of your tube). For larger tubes, try using two for stability.
- Wire: Use 16 gauge or stronger. You'll want a sturdy wire strong enough to support the weight of your tube when it's filled with tabs. The length will vary according to the size of your tube and how tightly you wrap it around.
- You can use beads, pipe cleaners or anything else fun to decorate the wire.



Examples of mailing tubes & suction cup



Instructions

- 1) Starting at the bottom of your tube, spiral a length of wire into a knot to serve as a base beneath the cap (see picture at right). Make sure it is big enough to support the weight of a full tube.
- 2) Then, begin wrapping the wire loosely around the tube, adding beads or other decorations as you go. (Crimp the wire occasionally to keep the beads from all sliding down.)
- 3) As you reach the top, curl the last bit of wire around a suction cup. Snip the wire close to the cup to avoid having any wire protruding. If you are using a large or extra long tube, you may want to add a second suction cup to hold the weight.
- 4) Hang your tube wherever it's convenient and start dropping in your tabs!



Knot the wire at the bottom of the tube.

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