

Making WW2 C-Rations for Reenacting

Materials Required:

Water Slide Decal Paper, http://www.amazon.com/Sheets-Inkjet-Water-Slide-transparent/dp/B010L2X828?ie=UTF8&keywords=water%20slide%20decal&qid=1463359385&ref=sr_1_5&sr=8-5

Spray Enamel, http://www.amazon.com/Rust-Oleum-7701830-Stops-12-Ounce-Crystal/dp/B0010NY95S/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1463359530&sr=8-2&keywords=Spray+Enamel

Spray Gold Paint, http://www.amazon.com/Rust-Oleum-1910830-Metallic-Spray-11-Ounce/dp/B000QD3GPW/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1463359563&sr=8-1&keywords=Spray+gold+paint

Orange Cans, http://www.amazon.com/Festival-Mandarin-Oranges-Whole-11-Ounce/dp/B00438IU34/ref=sr_1_10_a_it?ie=UTF8&qid=1463359674&sr=8-10&keywords=mandarin+oranges

OXO Can Opener (ESSENTIAL), http://www.amazon.com/OXO-Good-Grips-Smooth-Opener/dp/B000079XW2/ref=sr_1_9?s=kitchen&ie=UTF8&qid=1463360006&sr=1-9&keywords=can+opener

Process:

Use OXO Can opener to remove lids to cans. This should trim the lid off and allow it to be placed back on.

Open Mandarin Orange cans, consume oranges and clean and dry cans. Remove labels and glue remnants.

If preferred, paint can bodies Gold with spray gold paint.

Utilizing the Facebook group "WWII Paperwork and Projects" select the template for type of C Ration you would like to create.

Print the template on the water slide decal paper, allow to dry for minimum 4 hours. Ink should be dry to the touch.

Spray decal paper with clear enamel. Give a light coat and allow to dry, do not spray long enough that the ink begins to run.

Cut water slide paper labels to width of can, soak in bowl full of warm/hot water, one at a time, until the decal begins to separate from paper. Transfer decal by sliding it from paper to can, and smoothing with damp paper towel. Decal should be centered and contain no fold or ridges.

Fill can with suggested supplies.