



## LIGHT UP YOUR LOVE NEST

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When the lights go down in the city, fire up the romance with this pair of lovebird candles made from reused tall-boy beer cans and retired ashtrays (smokers get a twofor on utility here). Set one on either side of the bed facing a wall, and watch them flicker as you coo in the shadows.

### MAKE IT

1. Rinse the empty cans, and dry them well.
2. Using the X-acto knife, puncture the middle of the cans.
3. With the scissors, cut along the full length of the cans and trim away the top and bottom portions.
4. Carefully flatten the two resulting aluminum sheets under a heavy book.
5. Using a photocopier, enlarge our bird template to your desired size. Using a pencil and tracing paper, trace the bird and cut out the silhouette.
6. Remove the book (the aluminum needn't be completely flat).
7. Tape the tracing-paper image to the middle of one of the aluminum sheets.
8. Measure the inside depth of the ashtray, then use the X-acto to lightly score the outline of the image, including a strip at the bottom equal to the ashtray's depth.
9. Carefully detach the image and base strip from the aluminum sheet. Using double-sided tape, attach the finished aluminum bird to the inside of the ashtray.
10. Repeat steps 7-9 with the other aluminum sheet.
11. Drop a tea light into each tray, turn down the overhead, and enjoy the light show.

## LOVEBIRD CANDLES



\$10



### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 16 oz. aluminum cans
- Bird template
- 2 metal ashtrays
- 2 tea lights

### TOOLS:

- X-acto knife
- Scissors
- Heavy book
- Photocopier
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- Metal ruler

