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STYLISH, SIMPLE ECO-FRIENDLY PROJECTS

Tree Jewels

ORNAMENTAL METAL These sweet, clever ornaments, which started their lives as soda cans, are perfect for your holiday tree or anything else that needs a little extra sparkle this season.

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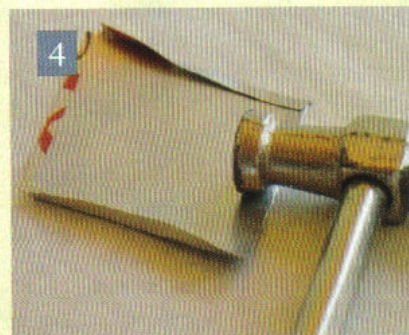
1 Using **CRAFT SCISSORS**, cut the bottom and top off a soda can. Wear **GLOVES**, as the edges will be sharp. Roll the sheet back on itself to help it lie flat.



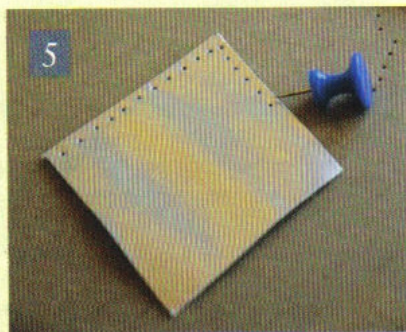
2 Create a square or diamond-shaped template out of **PAPER**, then **TAPE** it to the aluminum and cut out two pieces



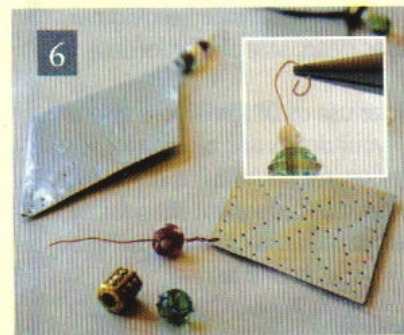
3 Cut about $\frac{3}{16}$ inch off all edges of one of the two pieces. Put the two pieces together with the printed sides facing each other. Notch the four corners.



4 Fold the edge of the bigger piece over the smaller. Tap all along the edge with a **HAMMER**.



5 Place a piece of **CARDBOARD** under your ornament and pierce the metal with a **PUSHPIN** to create the punched pattern. Piercing all around the border first will "sew" the two pieces together.



6 Thread a 4-inch piece of **THIN WIRE** through the hole at the top. Twist to secure. String a few **BEADS** on the wire. Make a curl at the top to hang your ornament.

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