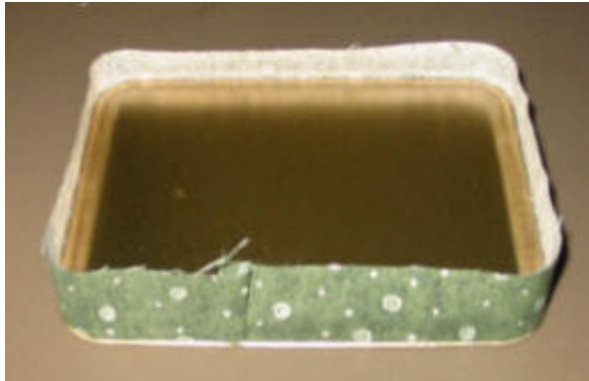


# Tin Finishing Instructions

I used three types of glues to finish this box:

1. Hot glue gun (warm/cool actually) I used this glue when I needed an instant hold.
2. Aleene's Jewel-It Embellishing Glue I used this glue to glue fabric to metal.
3. Elmer's White Glue I used this glue to glue fabric to fabric. It has a really good hold and dries clear.

**Note:** Use a metal laying tool, large darning needle, butter knife or anything metal that works for you to press the fabric into the edges of the tin. Do not use your fingers. Keep a wet rag available in case you smudge glue. Also, you can speed drying time with a fan or blow dryer.



**Lid Band:** Cut fabric 17 inches by 1 1/4 inches. Fold bottom seam allowance back 1/4 inch and press fold. Add glue (#2 *Fabric to Metal*) to the side of the tin. Make sure the glue is tucked into the rolled edge. Place the folded edge of fabric strip onto the tin starting at the back. Make sure the pressed edge is tucked under the top rolled tin edge tightly and when the

fabric meets itself at the back, fold under and cut all but 1/4 inch of the fabric length off. Add glue (#3 *Fabric to Fabric*) between each layer and glue down. Press this folded back seam down tightly and once the glue is almost dry press down tightly again. You want this seam as flat as possible. *(Use the metal tool to remove any excess glue that squeezes out at the rim...do not use your fingers. As soon as you touch the glue with your fingers it will not dry clear.*



Glue just over the top edge and stick the top edge of the fabric band onto the top of the tin. Glue down the 4 corners

first and then glue down the straight edges.



**Tin Top:** Cut a piece of lightweight cardboard or poster board 4 7/8 inches by 3 1/2 inches. Check the fit and once you are satisfied, round the corners. Lightly glue padding onto one side of the cardboard. (I used three layers of cotton batting but you could use thick quilter's batting or whatever else you might think of.) Cut the padding to fit the template exact, no batting should extend beyond the cardboard. Use the cardboard template as

a pattern and cut your stitched linen being sure to leave **at least** 1 inch of linen extending beyond the template all the way around for lacing on.

Position stitched linen onto the template and glue lace on.

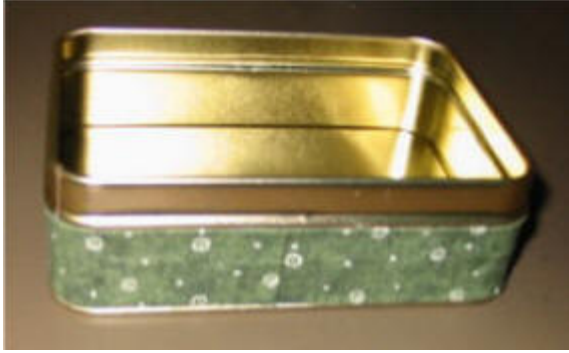
Lightly glue (#1 Hot glue) the four corners down first and then glue the straight edges down. Keep the glue as far away from the cardboard edges as possible.

Drizzle glue (#2 Fabric to Metal) onto the top of the tin and place the top on the tin lid. Once dry, carefully glue (#1 Hot glue for instant drying) around the top edge so that there is no gap between the tin and the glued cardboard top. (**Tip:** If you do not want to use the hot glue you could use the Elmer's glue and wrap your top with ribbon and tape the ribbon ends to the under side of the tin to hold it until it is dry. Remember, Elmer's glue dries clear



as long as you do not touch it with your fingers.





**Outside Wall Band:** 17 inches by 2 inches. Fold the top and bottom seam allowances under 1/2 inch and press. Your band needs to be 1 inch wide. Glue (#2 Fabric to Metal) the band on your tin starting at the back using the same method as you did for the lid band. Remember to tuck the pressed edges under the rolled tin edges as much as

possible. Let the glue dry.



**Inside Wall Band:** Cut fabric 17 inches by 2 inches. Fold top seam allowance under 1/4 inch and press. Cut a strip of cotton batting 1 inch wide and place it

just under the folded seam allowance. *(I used the nose of the hot glue gun like a paint brush and lightly glued the seam allowance to the cotton batting so it would not slide while I was working with it.)* Glue (#2 Fabric to Metal) metal tin and starting at the center back stick fabric to tin tucking the folded top edge under the top tin roll. Fold the end of the strip under 1/4 inch at the back where it meets itself and cut the cotton batting away to eliminate thickness at the fold and glue all layers down the same as you did the top lid band seam. Glue the raw bottom edge of the fabric to the inside bottom of the tin. Press the sides tightly against the tin and push the corners in nice and snug. As the glue dries and becomes tackier play with the sides and top edges until they look just right to you.



**Inside Bottom:** Cut lightweight cardboard or poster board 4 5/8 inch by 3 1/4 inch. Check the fit, adjust to fit and round the corners. Re-check the fit after rounding the corners. Cover following the same procedure that you used to cover the top tin lid. Drizzle glue on the inside bottom, set the inside bottom in the tin and weight it down until the glue dries. (**NOTE:** Use a piece of cardboard or

folded batting or whatever under your weight so that you do not leave an imprint on the padded bottom.)



Congratulations...you did it! Now you have to use your imagination, yes you do have one. :) I think this part is the most fun. Add the embellishments. Ribbons, lace, buttons, bows, etc. :) Have fun!

If you would like to see some finished tins you can go to [www.picturetrail.com/jatjlo](http://www.picturetrail.com/jatjlo) and click on the "Stitch N' Tin" contest album.