

Make It: DIY Metallic Geometric Planters in 5 Minutes

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Save money on expensive pots and planters with this quick and easy project that will conceal any ugly plastic container in about five minutes, for less than \$1 a piece.

Using some leftover contact paper, you can whip up some faux metal containers to hide the ugly plastic ones your store-bought houseplants came in.

Materials

- Scrap Cardboard
- **Copper Contact Paper**

- Small Plants or succulents

Tools

- Scissors
- Measuring tape

HOW TO DO IT

Step 1

Measure the diameter of the widest part of your plant, which is most likely the very top of the plastic container it came in. Then, measure the height as well.



Step 2

Measure a piece of cardboard to the length of your diameter in step one and roughly the same height as what you measured in the previous step. Cut out.



Step 3

Roll out a sheet of contact paper and place your cut out cardboard on top, leaving at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch all the way around before cutting the contact paper to size, as shown in photo.



Step 4

Next, score the cardboard every 1-2 inches with a pair of scissors or a craft knife. This will create the various sides of your faux copper planter. **There are five sides to a pentagon and 6 sides to a hexagon, so score your cardboard accordingly.*



Step 5

Remove the paper backing from the contact paper and place the cardboard down slowly (centered so that there is excess contact paper on all sides), one scored increment at a time, bending and pulling up the pieces that have been attached to the contact paper as you go. *This will help avoid bubbles and bumps that have to be smoothed out later.*



Step 6

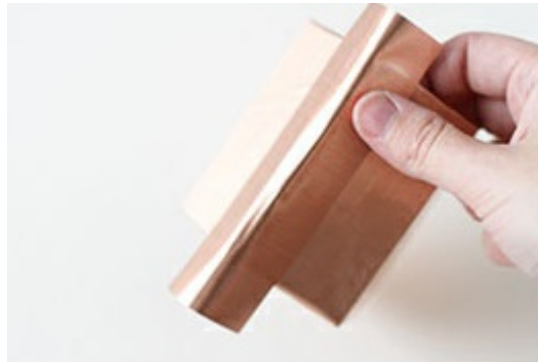
Cut slits in the contact paper at each score mark, on all sides. Then, one by one tightly pull each flap over and secure to the back.



Step 7

Secure the ends in the same way, before folding the faux planter up and joining the two ends with another piece of contact paper.





Step 8

Cut and tuck in excess from either side the same way you did in step six. Then, add your plants and you're done!







You can also take this DIY project a little further by painting designs and patterns onto the covers after they're finished. Or cover them in **marble contact paper**, instead of copper, for a completely different look!

