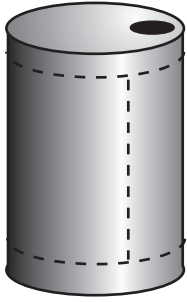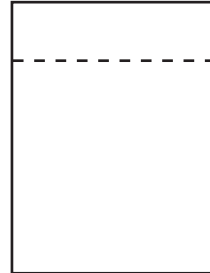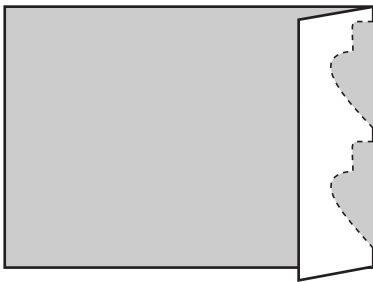# Aluminum Can Folded Pen

1. With old scissors, cut the top and bottom off the can. Cut the side lengthwise.
   You now have a strip of aluminum.
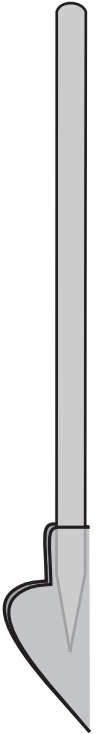   Put the top and bottom into a recycling bin.

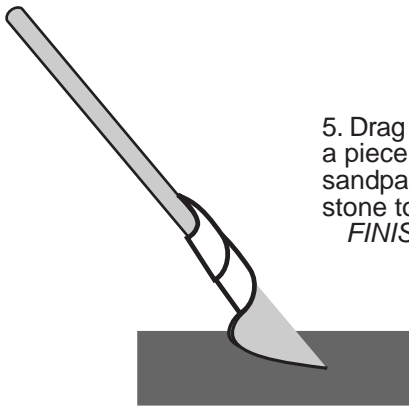2. Fold the end of the strip over about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

3. Cut along the fold, starting at the lower tip of your pen, to the top of the reservoir area.
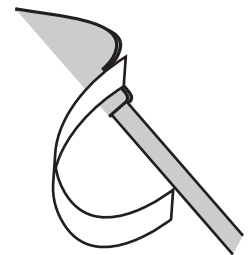   Then begin again at the fold, cut a1/2 inch X 1/4" stem to fasten to the handle.

4. Spread the cut piece open, then form it around the handle with your fingers.
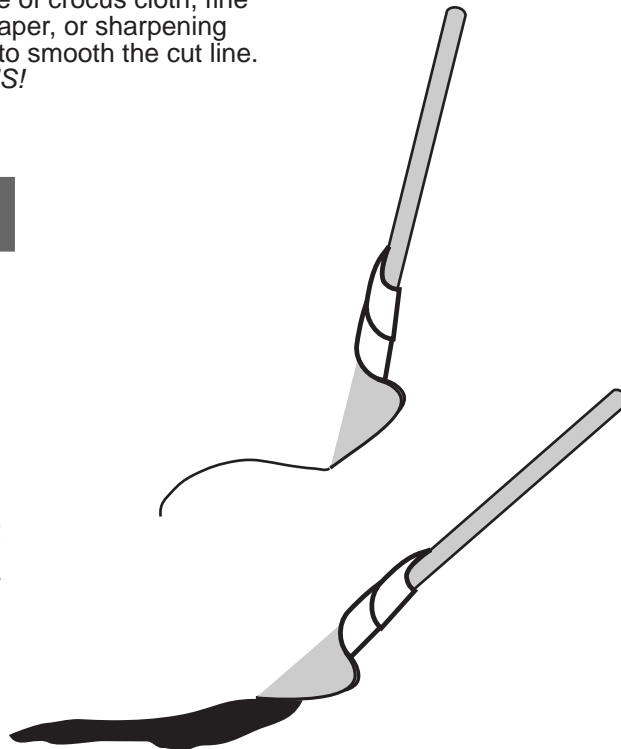   Fasten securely with masking or other tape.

5. Drag the writing edge along a piece of crocus cloth, fine sandpaper, or sharpening stone to smooth the cut line.
   FINIS!

Load the pen by dragging a full paint brush along the open edge. The fluid will flow into the gap.
   Holding the pen upright so that just the point touches the paper creates a fine line. Lay the flatter edge down onto the paper to create a thicker line.

Experiment!
   What happens when you push the pen? Change the angle? Rock the writing edge mid-stroke?

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