CAN-IMALS! How-To

A canimal is- you guessed it- an animal made from a can! The possibilities are limitless!
What will you make?

You will need: 1 can per canimal, newspaper or recycled paper, flour, water, salt, a bowl, a spoon OR whisk, tape (optional), acrylic paint
Step 1: Gather all your materials.

Step 2: Tear your paper up into small pieces. Set aside for now.

Step 3: Make your paper maché! Mix 1 part flour with 2 parts water. Add a pinch of salt to prevent mold. Mix until it looks like pancake batter!
Step 4: Lightly coat your torn up paper in paper mache. Cover your can and let it dry. Imagine your animal- will you make your favorite animal? A magical animal? Have you ever heard of an Alebrije?

Step 5: While waiting for your can to dry- you can work on the other aspects of your creature! To make a head, to make feet, to make horns- you can use a larger or untorn piece of paper to bunch up and tape into the shape you want. Cover with paper maché.
Step 6: When your can and other pieces are dry, paste them together using more torn paper coated in paper mache. Let dry!

Step 7: Paint! I made a Mouse Friendship Scout and a DogFish! If you don't have acrylic paint, you can use any paint, markers, or crayons you have!

After this activity: Can you write a story about your canimal having a big adventure?