Faux Tin Tile

Materials needed:

- pencil
- cardboard
- Aileen's tacky glue*
- aluminum foil
- black shoe polish
- Mod podge
- Q-tips

*Regular "school glue" will spread and thin out as it dries, resulting in a flat design that won't show well when covered with foil. *Aileen's Tacky Glue* is harder to work with, but has the consistency needed for this project.

One helpful suggestion: rest your glue bottles upside down in mugs or cups, so the glue is always in the tip of the bottle, ready to use.

Step 1: Sketch your drawing on cardboard in pencil. Focus on big/simple images and patterns; no small details—they can be difficult to trace with glue in the next step.

Step 2: Trace the lines of your pencil drawing with *Aileen's Tacky Glue*. Note: this glue is harder to squeeze than typical "school glue." One way to make it easier is to keep the bottle upside down (ex: rest it in a cup, point down, when not using it) so gravity keeps the glue nearest the tip, ready to flow. If the glue ends up too thick in some places or stutters and leaves gaps during application, use a paint brush to clean up your lines or spread paint. Let glue lines dry completely (overnight).

Step 3: Take a glue stick and apply glue to your cardboard, covering areas around/between glue lines. Then cover your cardboard with a piece of foil (dull side up) that's a few inches larger than the cardboard (so it wraps around the edges). Use your finger to press down on the foil, to ensure foil sticks, then use a Q-tip to gently press around the glue lines, so they become more visible.

Step 4: Apply coat of black shoe polish (the kind in a bottle with a sponge tip works best) over the top of aluminum foil, then wipe off excess with an old rag or paper towels. Let dry and enjoy!

To display: If you use a standard size for your cardboard (5" x 7" or 8" x 10"), your creation can be framed using almost any standard frame. Place it in your frame without the glass, so your design can be appreciated (that will also make it fit more easily into the frame).