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You've probably donated canned food at football games or churches or schools and seen the haphazard piles of cans. There's nothing haphazard about [Canstruction](#).

Architects, designers, builders and engineers will create structures using cans for Canstruction LA, a contest to be held across Wilshire Boulevard from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

The structures will be on display from Oct. 30 to Nov. 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; people are encouraged to bring a can of food for admission. The cans eventually will go to the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank.

A jury of design and culinary experts will name winners in the following categories: Juror's Favorite, Best Use of Labels, Best Meal and Structural Ingenuity.



The "Little Engine That CAN," shown at the top, won last year for Best Use of Labels; it used mostly one size of can and used the labels to convey detail and shape. And at left is "Tuna's Turn to Tame Hunger," a flat-head screw made solely out of gold-labeled tuna cans.

The jury members are Sam Lubell, editor of Architect's Newspaper; John Rivera Sedlar, chef and co-owner of the restaurant Rivera; Wim de Wit, head of the architecture and contemporary art department at the Getty Research Institute; and Randall Wilson, environmental design instructor at Art Center College of Design.

Canstruction L.A. is organized by the Society for Design Administration.

-- Mary MacVean

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