

TAKE AND MAKE KITS

Teacup Candles



The supplies included in this kit are:

- 2 Wax wicks
- Wax
- Candle-making dyes and scents/essential oils
- Small container
- Wick bar

You'll need these items to start (some optional)

- Craft mat or cutting board
- One double boiler.
- Old Crayola Crayons (if you want to color the wax)
- Tea Cups (I see cute ones at thrift stores all the time)
- Hot glue or glue to secure wick
- Thermometer

Program

1. Lay the skewers across the teacup so the wick is centered inside the cup, with the string part drawn up nice and straight, perpendicular to the bottom. If you have trouble keeping the bottom of the wick in place, you can always fasten it there with a drop of crazy glue or hot glue.



2. Add your wax to the smaller pot of your double-boiler (on in a can set within a pot of water) on medium-high heat. Chopping or grating it ahead of time will speed the melting process, and is recommended for even melting. If you use paraffin wax, feel free to add in some grated or chopped crayon pieces to add color to the candle in place of candle dye.



3. Once the wax has all melted to a liquid state, remove the double-boiler from the heat and allow to cool for a couple of minutes. Add your candle dye (if desired) and if you're going to add scent to it, you can use your thermometer to gauge the temperature, and once it reaches 180 degrees, add the scented oil as desired. (Why wait 'til it gets to this temperature? If the wax is too hot when you add the scent to it, it'll just disperse instead of absorbing. Patience is a virtue.)



4. While your wax is still nice and liquid, pour it into the prepared teacups, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch of space from the lip of the cup. Allow this to cool completely (4-6 hours is ideal), then trim your wicks to 1 inch in length, and voila! You have beautiful, handmade teacup candles to give as gifts.



You can see the complete video of teacup candle making from our database Creativebug:

- <https://www.creativebug.com/classseries/single/teacup-candles-1-9-18>

You can also check out this e-book on Hoopla, which is free to use with your library card:

- Candle Making Basics by Varius Authors: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12451495>
- Creative Candle Making by Meredith Mennitt: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13317138>

What next?

Now that you know the basics of candle making, next we will try making glycerin soap from scratch. Stay tuned for more Take and Make Kits.

