

# DIY Candles

*Materials needed to complete project*

## **Included in kit:**

- 1 cup Crisco Shortening
- 2 (1- 4 oz, 1- 8 oz) mason jars with sealable lids
- 2 candle wicks
- 2 wick sticky tabs
- 1 wick centering stick
- 3 random crayons (2 of each color)
- 3 tiny jars of essential oils (pine, orange, & lavender)



## **Not included in kit:**

- Scissors
- Microwave
- Microwave safe container (e.g. measuring cup, glass bowl, etc.)
- Small bowl
- Spoon

## *Instructions:*

1. Take a glass jar and add the sticky tab to the center bottom, then attach the wick to the sticky.
2. Take a crayon of your choice and smash it into smaller pieces into a small bowl & set aside.
  - a. Tip: The more crayon you use, the darker color your candle will be.
3. Scoop your Crisco into a glass/microwave safe container, cover with a paper towel, and microwave in 30 second increments until completely melted.
4. Stir crayon pieces into warm crisco mixture with a spoon until completely blended.
  - a. Tip: If you wish for more color, stir in more crayons. You can always microwave more crayons into the mix.
5. To the combined crayon & crisco mixture, add in choice of essential oil(s) until you get your desired scent.
6. Pour the now complete mixture into your glass jar until it reaches anywhere from halfway to 3/4ths way to the top.
  - a. Be sure your wick stays upright and at least an inch off the top stays above the top layer of hot wax.

7. Once poured, take your wick holder or any stick-like tool like a pencil or spoon and secure the wick in place in about the center of the mixture upright.
8. Set aside and allow to dry, it can take a couple of hours or more.
9. Once fully dry snip off any excess wick length, leaving at least an inch off the top above the top layer of cooled wax.
10. With adult supervision use matches or lighter to light the wick & enjoy!
  - a. Warning: Don't leave candles burning without someone conscious in the same room or on an unstable surface. If you spill the candle onto skin be sure to rinse the affected area under cold water immediately.
11. Repeat these steps to make different candles to your liking.
  - a. Tip: when your candle is all burned down to the wick, freeze the jar for an hour or so then scrap out excess wax and old wick, and then replace with a new wick & mixture or use the jar for holding things like candy or school supplies or in other crafts!