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Colorful Tin Candle

Make a mini soy candle
in a colorful metal tin—
perfect to treat yourself
or to give as a gift!



Ingredients (Included)

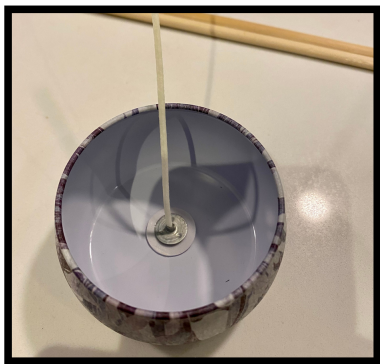
- a round tin
- a candle wick
- a wick sticker
- 1 cup soy wax flakes
- paper cups
- popsicle sticks

You Supply:

- a microwave
- optional: color dyes (crayons are often used) and/or fragrances

Directions:

1. Place your wick in the center of the inside of the tin and use the wick sticker to adhere in place.



2. Fill a paper cup to the top with the soy wax flakes. Microwave it for 60 seconds, then stir with a popsicle stick. Continue microwaving in 30-second increments until the wax is a clear liquid. It should take about 2-3 minutes to melt fully.



Directions, cont.:

3. Pour the melted wax into the tin. Use popsicle sticks (in the picture I'm using chopsticks) to keep the wick upright in the middle of the candle while the wax cools and hardens.



4. Repeat the steps above to add more wax to your candle. One paper cup won't be enough to fill your tin. You'll have to melt a paper cup full of wax 3-4 times to fill it all the way. You can reuse the paper cups if needed. Make sure not to fill the tin so full that you cannot put on the lid!



After the tin is half full, wait for the wax to cool (about 20 minutes) before pouring the next few layers. This will give it a smoother finish on top.



Directions, cont.:

5. Once your candle has cooled all the way (it looks opaque and is firm to the touch), cut the wick.



Your candle is ready! Make sure to burn on a safe surface and trim the wick a little each time you relight the candle.

How to Add Color with Crayons:

If you decide to dye your candles with crayon wax, use a cheese grater (ask first!) or pencil sharpener to grind up a small bit of color. Place the shavings into the paper cup **before** adding the soy wax flakes and while it's melting, make sure to stir well to mix in all the color. If you want to layer colors, use a separate paper cup for the next batch and make sure the first layer is hardened in your tin before pouring a new layer of melted wax.

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