

Mason Jar Oil Candles

You will need the following materials:

- 1 glass with metal screw-on lid
- Drill and 3/8" drill bit or hammer and nail
- 1/8" Nipple (found in lamp/lighting section of box stores)
- 1/8" Coupling
- 3/8" Washer
- Paperclip
- 1 100% cotton wick or 100% cotton t-shirt cut into 2"x length of jar strips
- 1 bottle of oil (vegetable oil, paraffin oil, olive oil, almond oil or any clean burning unscented oil)
- Optional filler materials (evergreen clippings, berries, orange slices, herbs, pinecones, etc.)

1. Drill a 3/8" hole in the middle of lid. You can also use a hammer and nail to punch a hole.

2. Screw the 1/8" coupling onto the 1/8" nipple. Your 1/8" nipple only needs to be about 1.5" to 2" long so if you want to make a lot of these, buy the longer pieces so you can cut them with a metal cutter. Make sure the coupling and nipple are flush on one side.

3. Put washer on top side of lid and put coupling/nipple through the holes. For a sturdier option, add another washer and coupling on the bottom side of the lid. The nipple should be longer underneath the lid than on top.

4. Straighten the paper clip and bend on one edge to make a hook. Loop through the wick to help pull through the lid/washer/coupling/nipple.

Note: To make a wick out of a cotton t-shirt. Cut 2" strips by the length of jar plus about 2". Roll into a long tube. To hold together you can stitch or sew right through the middle. Some people soak wick in oil first, place it on a paper towel and then squeeze out the excess to prevent dripping.

5. Drop bottom of wick into jar and hold lid to the side. Stuff filler materials around the wick so it is generally in the middle of the jar.

6. Fill jar with oil to within 1/4" of lid.

7. Screw lid on jar tight.

8. Allow wick to soak in oil until the wick is oily to touch (can add a few drops of oil to top of wick so it will prime quicker. Make sure wick is barely above coupling. After it burns out (should be several hours), always make sure to cut off charred area. Then pull up and relight.

Sources:

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