

DIY Funfetti Candles

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I know. You can't eat these. But I've been wanting to do a DIY post for forever and I finally felt like being crafty a couple weekends ago.



Each Christmas, everyone on my dad's side of the family has a big get-together at my grandma's house. My cousin and his girlfriend gave everyone lavender mason jar candles and I was so impressed with them! My mom opened hers first, and I'm pretty sure I said, "I'm going to steal that from you." Then I opened some of my presents and saw that I had one too! So I asked her how she made them, looked up a couple different versions, and then decided to make my own! And they really do smell like cupcakes. 😊

They're pretty easy and you can buy all the supplies at Michael's, Hobby Lobby, or probably most craft stores. I

used mason jars, but you can make these in any glass jars or cups you want or have at home already. Also, you can use wax from old or un-used candles that you already have. You need about 2 cups of melted wax for one mason jar though, so you would need *tons* of old candles. Or you can buy soy wax flakes, which is what I did. All the supplies are relatively cheap, except for the wax flakes, which were \$8. And 1 lb of wax flakes only makes two pint-sized mason jar candles, so I think when I make these again, I'll use smaller jars. Or more wax from old, broken or un-used candles I already have.

What you need:

- 2 pint-sized (16oz) mason jars
- Pre-waxed wicks (I got a pack of 6, with the attachment already on the ends)
- Hot glue gun
- Pencils, pens, or something similar to hold the wicks in place
- Tape
- 2-3 tbsp water
- 1-2 tbsp corn syrup
- A small paintbrush or cloth
- 1/2 cup rainbow jimmies (or similar colorful sprinkles)
- 1 lb soy wax flakes (or old candles if using smaller jars)
- [Cupcake scented wax cubes](#) (Also found at Michael's)
- Measuring cup with spout

So you've got your jars and wicks.



And you're going to hot glue the wick attachments to the bottom of the jars.



Then in a bowl, mix corn syrup and water. Start with just one of the jars, and coat the inside with the corn syrup mixture. First I tried using a folded paper towel, but couldn't really reach the bottom. You don't need to coat the actual bottom of the jar, but a small paintbrush helped get the lower part.

Holding the jar horizontally, add a spoonful of sprinkles and slowly roll the jar so they'll slide around and stick to the inside. Add another spoonful and repeat until the inside is completely covered. The paint brush will come in handy if there are any spot where the sprinkles don't stick.

Repeat with the second jar.







Lay a pen or pencil across the tops of the jars and tape the wicks to them to keep the wicks centered.



Using a double boiler, or a make-shift one with a pot and heat-proof bowl (which is what I did – fill a pot half-full with water, bring to a simmer, and set metal bowl on top), melt the wax flakes and 3 or 4 of the scent cubes. I only used three and am planning on using the other 3 when I make these candles again. But you can use more or all of them for a stronger scent if you want.







You can attempt to pour the melted wax out of the bowl and into the jars, but I knew that would be a disaster for me. So I poured two cups of melted wax into a measuring cup with a spout. Leave the rest of the melted wax in the bowl over simmering water.

Pour the wax slowly into a jar. Try to pour it directly into the center and away from the sides.

Repeat with the rest of the wax and the other jar.



Some of the sprinkles will fall off and sink to the bottom, but that's okay. (Just stop burning the candle when it gets to that point.) I put my mason jars immediately in the freezer so they'd firm up faster and prevent too many of the sprinkles from falling off. Freeze for 3-4 hours.



Once wax has set and is completely solid, you're good to go!





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