HOW TO MAKE A CANDLE

Okay, RockHopper, we are going to learn about making a simple jar candle. And for you RockHoppers out there who just rolled your eyes, you know who you are, you probably like outdoors survival stuff and this sounds too lame to you. We are going to let you do a survival version of this lesson.

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Create the candle of your choice. Feel free to experiment with scents and oils so that it not only helps the ambience of the home but has soothing effects too.

- 1. First, you'll need a wick. These can be purchased inexpensively from hobby stores or online. But if you want to go survivalist on me, get yourself a piece of cotton string, melt some wax, and make sure your wick is totally covered.
- 2. Next, get yourself a jar, almost anything will do. I would typically reach for a medium sized Mason jar.
- 3. Now, you'll want to melt your wax. You can get the wax from online hobby sites or a hobby store. It is very common to use beeswax or soy wax for the candle wax. You survivalists are going to use coloring crayons. Yes, you got it. The world just got attacked by aliens, all supplies are shut off, you need light and heat, and you only have access to children's crayons. Unwrap them and

melt them as a substitute. You can melt wax on the stove at home; just don't use mom's best cookware.

- 4. As the wax is melting, you'll want to stick that wick onto the bottom of the jar. A dab of good glue or adhesive will stick the wick bottom to the jar. You survivalists may want to tie something heavy to the bottom of your wick like a washer and stick it to the bottom also.
- 5. When the wax is melted, add any scents you want or essential oils and carefully pour into the jar. You survivalists, forget you read the comment about scents and oils.
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 6. Once the wax is in place,
 make sure the wick stays in the center of the jar. You may want to place a couple of
 pencils across the top of the jar to keep the wick in place.

7. When it cures, cut the wick down to about 3/8". You are now ready to enjoy your candle ... or fight for the survival of planet earth.

