

Diagonal Layered Candle

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The materials we will be using today are:

- Any 8 oz square candle container will do.
- Cotton braid wick (for soy wax) sized to fit containers up to 4 inches in diameter
- Wick adhesive Tacky Wax from Michael's
- Candle fragrance oil
- 8 liquid oz of Natural Soy wax
- 2 different colors of Candle coloring
- 5 inch in diameter pot pie tin (to hold your candle steady when you

We will separate our melted wax into three batches (note, for this project, I use red and blue – you can use any two colors you wish. However, remember, they will blend as the candle is burned, so try to use primary colors which will blend into a nice third color. The blue and red turn purple in this candle.)

One will be dyed blue and one dyed red. We will have a white layer with no color in the middle for contrast. When your candle melts, the red and blue will mix to form a purple layer on the top of your candle. We will need to stagger our batches so that we have time in between the layers for them to solidify before we pour the next layer, and still keep the others warm. Put your first color out to cool while keeping the other two batches warm in hot water just so they stay liquid, they don't have to be hot, only liquid. About 120 to 125 degrees is good. Stir extremely well after adding the color to your colored batches to ensure it dissolves completely into the wax.

Wick your container, using the wick target to find the center of your glass. Smear a pea sized piece of Tacky Wax onto the end of the wick clip. Use a craft stick to gently tap the wick clip in place, or to move the wick to center it, if needed. Put the warning label on the bottom of the glass. Don't put the wick centering stick or bar on the wick as we'd normally do. Since you will be tipping the glass to pour the wax in, the stick will get in the way. We will be able to gently pull the wick to the center as the first and second layers harden.

Place the wicked container on its side in the pie tin. This will be our first layer position. It doesn't matter how steep the angle of the container is. There are no two alike when layering this way. Each is unique. Have fun with it.

After preparing your first color of wax, add your fragrance and let it cool till it's cloudy. This project does best when you pour the wax as cloudy as possible, but not too thick. It helps the wax set faster for the next layer. Pour the first color into the tipped container. **Do not pick up or move the container as you pour**, it must be stationary at all times to get a clean diagonal line. Be careful when pouring, that you watch the rim of the container as it fills. It's easy to over flow the container if you don't watch closely. Fill to about ¼ to ½ inch to the rim of the container. You will only be pouring a couple to three ounces of wax in during this layer. Slightly tug on the wick to center it. Allow to harden. This is a good time to set your second color out from your heat source to cool. Add fragrance if you haven't added it already.

Once the first layer is solid, (I use my pinky finger to gently touch the surface to see how hard it is) turn the container to the opposite side to position it for the second layer. Check your wick to see if it's centered. If it is not, this is a good time to tug on it and center it. You may have to pull it slightly away from the first layer to get it centered. That's ok, it won't hurt anything. When the second color has been fragranced and cooled to the cloudy stage, pour. Again, be careful not to move the container. Fill it to ¼ to ½ inch from the top rim. You will only be pouring two to three ounces in. Be sure to center your wick as much as possible. Allow this layer to harden as the first. Set your non colored wax, which will be the white layer, out to cool. Add fragrance.

When the second layer is hard enough to stand the container upright, you will have a "V" shape of hardened wax in your container. Check to see if your wick is centered. Tug on it gently, if needed, to center it correctly.

When your third color is ready to pour, fill your container just below the rim. Again, you'll only be pouring a few ounces into the container. Center your wick and let harden.

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