

Holiday Candle Holder

Supplies

- Glass or plastic candleholder (a Mason jar will work too!)
- Real or flameless candle that fits the size of your candleholder
- Acrylic paints*
- Paintbrushes
- Cup of water for rinsing brushes
- Paper towels
- Acrylic or multi-surface paint pens*
- Ribbon (optional)
- Glitter pens (optional)
- Stencils (optional)
- Decorative rocks or beads to use as fillers (optional)

(Please note that this supply list does not cover every possible combination of materials, and many of the materials are optional. Feel free to mix and match these and other materials however best suits your creativity!)



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Instructions

1. Choose and set out your paint colors on a paper plate, or gather your paint pens*
 - a. Tip for painters: if you will be using the same paintbrush for all of your colors, dry the paintbrush with a paper towel after rinsing it between colors. This will prevent the paint from thinning and running
 - b. Tip for pen-users: many paint pens require some type of priming before they can be used. Check the label and follow the priming instructions, then test the paint pen on a piece of paper before using it on your candleholder.
2. Start painting or drawing, using stencils or freehand!
 - a. Tip: After you have finished painting one half of your candleholder, wait until it is dry before moving onto the second half. This will let you touch the painted part of your candleholder without smearing the paint
 - b. Tip: If you make a mistake as you go, don't worry! If the paint is still wet, you should be able to remove it with a damp paper towel.
3. After your paint has dried, add fillers, ribbons, or other accessories (Optional)
 - a. Tip: Adding a solid-color filler inside your candleholder (such as white rocks) may make the details of your design pop! This can be especially effective for very detailed or fine-lined designs.
 - b. Tip: If you are adding fillers, make sure to leave enough room for your candle!
4. Place your candle inside the candleholder, and admire your handiwork!

*Most multi-surface paint pens and acrylic paints are suitable for use on glass and plastic. If you are unsure, check the label to make sure that your paint will mark the type of candleholder you have. Watercolors, washable paints, and generic permanent markers may not mark or dry well on plastic or glass.

