

Stamped Candles
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Supplies

Candle - preferably white or cream
White Tissue Paper
Stamps
Ink Pads
Colored pencils, chalk or some other type of coloring medium
Scissors
Wax Paper
Embossing Gun

- Design your candle

- Stamp your image onto tissue paper using a dye-based ink or Kaleidacolor pad. You may color your image with chalks or, gently, with colored pencils.

- Cut or tear closely next to the edges of the stamped image. Tearing sometimes looks better than cutting, which sometimes leaves an edge you can still see once adhered to your candle.

- Using a glue stick, put a couple of small swipes of glue onto the back of the stamped tissue paper so it stays put when you begin melting with your heat tool. Position tissue on candle where desired and smooth it into place. Or Sponge just enough water onto the back of the tissue paper to allow it to stick smoothly onto the surface of the candle. Do not over-wet.

- >Cut a piece of waxed paper no taller than the candle being used and long enough so that it wraps completely around the candle and then some.

- Then place the wax paper on top and wrap the wax paper around the candle. Wing out the extra wax paper and pinch close with your fingers making sure the wax paper is tight against the candle.

- Preheat your embossing tool for a moment, and then begin to apply heat to the surface of the tissue area. Move the tool uniformly around the area for even heating. First you will see the tissue paper dry out, and then you will see it "disappear" as the heat melts the surface of the candle, causing it to absorb into the tissue.

- Heat carefully with heat tool...allowing wax to melt a little so the tissue joins the candle, being careful not to overheat and melt candle to the point of dripping.

- Buff candle with a piece of old panty hose until you restore the initial shine of the candle.