



Candle Centerpiece that is a Natural Bug Repellent Tutorial

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These red white and blue Candle Centerpieces are more than just cute! They are also A Fun, Quick & Easy Natural Bug Repellent that's a breeze to make!

This tutorial will teach you how to make the Stars for a quick and easy 4th of July (Patriotic) Candle Centerpiece and share the recipe for making your own Natural Bug Repellent Candle!

The supplies to make this fun, simple and easy candles are on the next page.

SUPPLIES:

- **Pails or bucket in different colors (metal or glass suitable for holding heat)**
- **Organic Beeswax Candle Wicks, Cotton Core Wick, Pure Natural Beeswax**
- **Soy Wax Flakes**
- **Wooden Craft sticks with a hole in the middle (or if using a mason jar a chip clip would work)**
- **Essential oil of your choice, we chose doTERRA's very own Terrashield essential oil.**
 - **Scenting your candles with essential oils is a healthier option for adding a scent (plus this helps ward off those nasty critters!). The trick to using essential oils is adding the oils when the wax is hot, but not so hot that the oils evaporate. Because soy wax has a lower melting point than other types of wax and melts easily in the microwave, it is an ideal wax to use to make a candle with essential oils.**
- **A glass measuring cup that you won't use for food use.**
- **Big Shot Die Cutting Machine (Item#113439)**
- **Stars Framelits(metal dies) (Item#133723)**
- **Decorative Dots Embossing Folder (Item#133520)**
- **Stampin' Dimensionals (Item#104430) for temporary hold**
- **Scor Tape for more permanent hold**
- **Paper Trimmer and/or Scissors**
- **Craft Metal**
 - **Midnight Blue**
 - **Wondrous White**
 - **Scarlet Red**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Fill a glass measuring cup with 2 cups of soy wax flakes. Leave some room at the top of the cup in case the wax rises during the melting process.**
2. **Cover the measuring cup with plastic wrap and melt the wax in the microwave in 10 second increments. Stir the wax with a wooden spoon or wooden craft stick every 10 seconds to distribute the heat and help the wax melt. Use an oven mitt to handle the container.**
3. **Remove the melted wax from the microwave and remove the plastic wrap. Set the container on a stable surface.**
4. **Stir several drops of essential oil into the melted was with the wooden spoon or wooden craft stick. The number of drops depends on the type of oil. You would use fewer drops of strongly scented oil, such as eucalyptus or cinnamon, than of lightly-scented oil. Start with 10 drops of the oil and use your nose and personal preference as your guide.**
5. **Pour 1/2 inch of wax into the bucket and set a candle wick into the wax. Loop the end of the wick over the lip of the bucket and slowly pour the rest of the wax into the jar.**
6. **Take a wooden craft stick and make a hole about 1/8 inches to 1/4 in depending on wick thickness.**
7. **Pull the wick taut so that it is upright and centered in the candle. Thread the wick through the hole in the wooden craft stick and have the stick rest on top of small bucket. Hold the wick in place for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the wax hardens enough that it stays straight and carefully put the candle in the refrigerator for 2 hours to harden. (Be careful not to spill the hot wax).**
8. **After wax has hardened, remove the craft stick and trim the end of the wick to 1 inch and put the candle in the refrigerator for 2 hours to harden.**
9. **While the candle is hardening take your craft metal and cut into 3 x 3 inch squares. Cut out stars in colors of your choice using the Star Framelits and the Big Shot.**
10. **Place the stars into the Decorative Dots Embossing Folder and run through the big shot.**
11. **Layer stars using the Stampin' Dimensionals onto the pail(s) after they have reached room temperature.**
12. **Light up the candle and enjoy.**

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(WARNING: Keep these candles in an open space, on a sturdy surface away from small children to prevent fires. Please note metal could get hot when candle is lit, use caution)

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