

# Color Block Candles



## Supplies Included:

- Dixie Cups
- Wax
- Crayons
- Wick
- Votive Cup
- Popsicle Sticks (for stirring)



## Tools Needed:

- Microwave
- Plate Stand, or something to prop votive cups at a slant

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE** – due to differences in microwaves, you may have to adjust your melting times! Start with the suggested time, and if your wax isn't fully melted, stir and add another 30 seconds. Also – **BE CAREFUL** when removing cups from the microwave, because they get **HOT!**

## Directions:

- 1.) Pour a small amount of wax into a Dixie cup for melting. You really should only need a pinch or two of wax, as this is just to secure the wick. Microwave for 30 seconds and check. If it is completely melted, it is ready to use. If not, melt for another 30 seconds and stir. Pour a thin layer into the bottom of the votive cup and place the candle wick in the center. I held the wick with one hand while pouring with the other so I used just enough to cover the base of the wick and hold it in place. Let harden. Don't worry about the wick standing up straight yet.



- 2.) Remove the paper from your crayons. If you have an X-acto knife on hand, you can use that to remove the paper easier.



3.) Choose your first color for the candle. Fill one Dixie cup half full of wax. Break up one whole crayon and place the crayon chunks on top of the wax. Melt in the microwave for 2 minutes and stir. Prop your votive cup up (with wick) on a plate stand or something to hold the cup at a slant, and pour in the colored wax. The goal is to create angled layers of color.

- If you have nothing to prop your cup on, you can still make horizontal stripes with the candle sitting flat on your work surface!
- I used cotton pads to keep the wick standing more straight in the center while I was making the candle. (see photo on next page)
- Let the first layer dry for 20-30 minutes.





- 4.) Use a new Dixie Cup and popsicle stick to repeat step 3 for your second color choice. Make sure to turn your votive cup around to create another angle. Let dry for 20-30 minutes.



- 5.) Repeat the melting process again for your final color, and place the votive flat on your workspace before pouring the third layer.

- 6.) Allow the third layer to dry for at least an hour, and make sure to trim the wick before lighting the candle. Enjoy!!