

Advanced Projects

Decorating Candles

Materials

- Candle
- Scotch Magic Tape
- Sanding pad
- Paper cutouts / Quilling strips / fine ribbon or braid
- Oil based varnish
- Gesso or Magic Effects Special White Paint
- Elephant ear sea sponge
- Paints
- Sealer (Liquitex Gloss Medium & Varnish or similar)
- Glue (PVA and Clag mixed 1:4)

Preparation

- Mark the area of your design on the candle
- If the candle is wrapped, remove the wrapper to 5mm more than the design area
- If the candle is not wrapped, mask off the area to be left plain with paper and fasten with Scotch Magic Tape
- Lightly sand area to be painted with a sanding pad, and remove dust with a tack cloth
- Apply two thin coats of oil based varnish to the uncovered area. Allow to dry (24 hours between coats)
- If you are covering the candle completely with paper image cutouts apply with suitable glue (PVA + Clag or Liquitex Gloss Medium & Varnish)
- OR
- If doing images on a painted background, sponge on 2 to 3 coats of gesso. DO NOT SAND. Allow to dry between coats.
- Sponge on background colours over dry gesso and allow to dry.
- Apply cutouts with suitable glue. Borders may be cut from large sheets or use quilling strips. Allow to dry.
- Seal work with 2 coats of Liquitex Gloss Medium & Varnish
- Dip or brush on 5 coats of varnish, lightly sanding between the 4th and 5th coats.
- Using a craft knife, cut around the top of your design and remove the wrapper and tape.
- Finish the cut edge with ribbon or braid (5mm space)



Judith's finished candle

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