Gel Candle

If you and your child are searching for the perfect DIY gift, look no further than the gel candle. Full of personalized charm, gel candles can be as silly, fun, dramatic or colorful as your child wants them to be.

What You Need:

- Gel wax
- Wick
- Wick base
- Craft sticks
- Knife
- Thermometer
- Double Boiler
- Glass jar
- Candle scent (optional)
- Candle dye (optional)
- Small non-flammable objects like sand, marbles or rocks

What You Do:

1. Begin with the candle holder. Have your child put the wick, wick base, and non-flammable objects on the bottom of your container.
2. Talk to your child about what she would like to put in the candle -- and why. Is there a theme to the candle? Does she plan on putting her favorite scent inside? A beach theme is an easy one to start out with. Sand, shells and the scent of the ocean would make for one fun and summery candle.
3. Using your double boiler, help your child melt the wax on a low flame. You can use this opportunity to teach her about double boilers. Specifically, how it can be used to melt things using heat -- like chocolate!
4. Using the thermometer, make sure that the wax does not get above 440 degrees Fahrenheit.
5. Slowly and carefully pour the melted wax into the container.
6. Help your child balance the wick between two craft sticks so it stays straight.
7. Do not move the candle until it cools.
8. You can use candle dye and scent to make your child's gel candle truly unique. There's no wrong way to add the dye and scent! Let her swirl, plop and drizzle the ingredients any way she likes.

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