**Conversation Heart Gel Candles**

What says Valentine’s Day more than conversation hearts! This colorful and unique candle is full of love when it is created by you. This quick and easy project is the perfect gift for teachers, friends and loved ones. It is the perfect centerpiece to create a touch of whimsy and romance to a table for two on Valentine’s Day. Because the gel wax does not get as hot as regular paraffin wax, this is a fun project to make with your children 10 years and older. For more fun Valentine’s Day ideas, make sure to visit Valentine’s Day S’mores and my recipe for Salmon in Paper Hearts!

Supplies

Glass containers suitable for a candle (jars, glasses, vases. martini glasses, wine glasses…)

1 small candle small enough to fit inside of glass container or a tea light

Water

Marker

Gel candle wax, found at most craft stores

Assorted conversation hearts

Glitter (optional)

Wooden skewer

Directions

1. Melt gel candle wax according to manufacturer’s directions.
2. To help measure the amount of gel that will be needed, place candle inside of glass container. Fill water to the level to about ¼ inch below where you would like your gel to be. The ¼ inch will compensate for the conversation hearts you will be adding later.
3. Mark the water line with a marker. Remove candle and water, dry with paper towel.
4. Slowly pour melted gel into glass container. Add a few conversation hearts, then add candle in center. Gel firms up fast, so quickly add additional hearts around the candle using the wooden skewer if needed to help adjust the hearts in the gel.

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