



DIY PROJECTS

MASON JAR CRAFTS

Balloon Covered Mason Jar

Want to know how to decorate mason jars? If you want a quick and easy mason jar craft for your next DIY project, then this is something worth trying. It's a great party decoration idea you can use as a DIY centerpiece or a fun way to serve cocktails. Play around with it however you like!

Need a quick and easy way to make those old mason jars fun, cute, and party ready? These balloon "dipped" mason jars are the perfect way to do just that. The best part is, they are just as easy to assemble as they are to disassemble, so the possibilities are endless. Let's get started!!

MATERIALS FOR THE BALLOON COVERED MASON JAR CRAFT:

- balloons, assorted colors
- mason jars, the pint size are perfect for this
- scissors



STEP 1

Take a balloon and fold it lengthwise.

STEP 2

Trim off the neck of the balloon. Make another cut about a third of the way down on the

opposite end, as well.

STEP 3

Pull the cut balloon over the bottom of the mason jar, making sure the smaller hole is on the bottom. If you don't have someone to help hold the jar while you apply the balloon, just place the jar in between your knees to stabilize it.

And that's it!

You can now use it as a centerpiece and put flowers or even candles. It's also the perfect glass for drinking cocktails and other beverages.

These are really great for parties or any special occasion. The balloon can be taken off so easily and other colors can be applied depending on the holiday. Mason jars themselves are pretty sturdy and the balloons also add a really great grip making them totally kid friendly and perfect for any outdoor get-together.



CHALKBOARD CANDLE LIGHTS



Lighting can be a huge comfort when you are up late studying, working, having a small get together...or having a small get together with someone who is about to become more than just friends. With this easy and simple mason jar lighting craft project, you can send a special note, poem or funny phrase to keep your spirits high.

HOW TO MAKE A WRITABLE MASON JAR LIGHT:

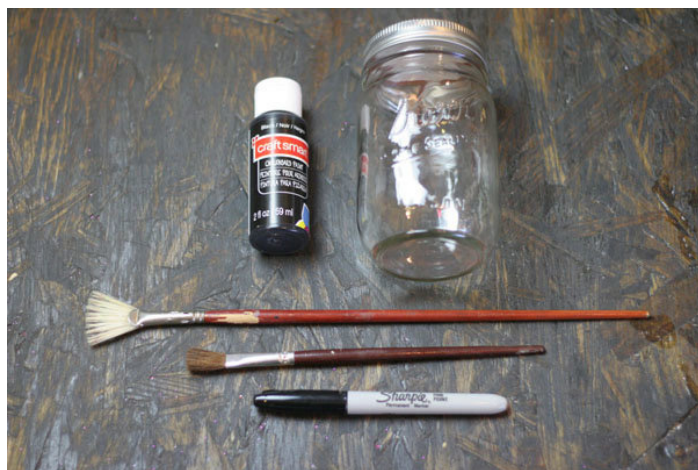


Create a simple and rustic candle from chalkboard paint and a mason jar.

SUPPLIES NEEDED TO MAKE A WRITABLE MASON JAR LIGHT:

- Chalkboard paint
- Brushes
- Twine

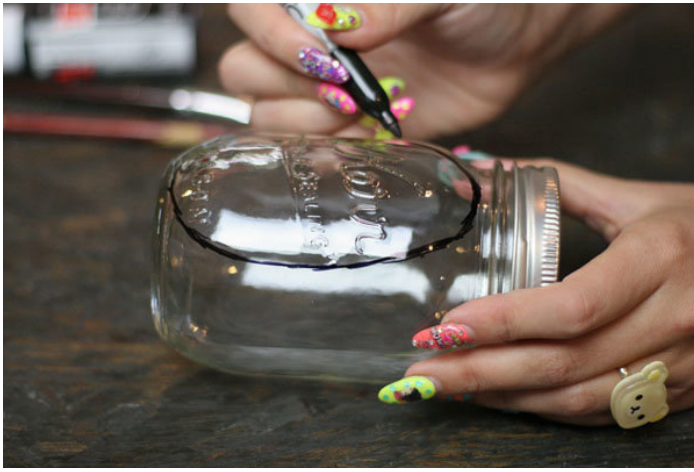
- Tea light
- Mason jar
- Hot glue gun
- Marker



Supplies needed to create this mason jar candle.

STEP 1: CREATE LIGHT WINDOW

We will be covering the majority of our jar with chalkboard paint, so for the light to shine though, we need to leave space. I sketched out an oval to frame the lighting on the mason jar, but you can also do a heart, circle or any shape you like!



Draw out your window with marker.

STEP 2: PAINT JAR

Use a small brush to paint the whole jar, minus the bottom, lid and your window. This may take a few coats, so allow each coat to dry before applying more paint.



Paint layer at a time to create a thick chalkboard coat of paint.

STEP 3: DECORATE JAR

I added some twine to frame my oval. First, hot glue around your window frame, then apply twine (or ribbon, rhinestones, pom poms- whatever!). I cut mine a little short to make way for a bow on top. Make a bow from a separate piece of

twine, then glue to top of your frame.



Hot glue around window.



Add twine to frame your window.

STEP 4: DECORATE LID & DRAW

Next, I added some simple strips of twine wrapping around the lid of the jar to finish up the look. Write a short poem, phrase or even a picture on the mason jar to give this craft some personality! Then add tea light and enjoy the soft glow. So cute, right?



Enjoy your new mason jar candle!

How To Make A Mason Jar Terrarium

Want to make a mason jar into a terrarium? This easy mason jar craft is just for you! Beautiful in a group or a centerpiece, our mason jar terrariums are perfectly dreamy and surprisingly simple. Create a mini mystical forest that's perfect for your desk, home, or as a gift. Don't have a green thumb? This mason jar terrarium requires no watering!

- x1 small bag of dirt
- Styrofoam block
- x1 bag dried flowers
- x1 bag of plastic flowers or succulents
- x1 artificial bees
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Razor cutter
- Tape



SUPPLIES NEEDED TO MAKE A MASON JAR TERRARIUM:

- Mason jar
- Twine
- x1 bag of moss
- x1 bag of Rocks

STEP 1: CUT STYROFOAM

Our Styrofoam is going to act as a small hill in our terrarium. First cut a rectangle that is about the same size as your mason jar. Next, carve the Styrofoam block piece into a hill shape with your razor, curving your cuts at the top.



Cut out a section of Styrofoam with your razor.



Cut out a portion that is around the same size as your mason jar.



Shape Styrofoam into a rounded hilltop shape.

STEP 2: SIZE STYROFOAM

Test your hill out by placing it into your mason jar. The final hill should be about half as tall as



the jar, as we will be adding height with flowers, moss and other pretty things. If too tall, cut off base with razor till it fits perfectly.

STEP 3: APPLY DIRT

Time to get your hands dirty, literally. Start off by gluing a line of hot glue to the Styrofoam hill, then sprinkle dirt over the glue, shake off excess dirt, and there you have it – a dirt road! Cover the Styrofoam in dirt roads sporadically around, leaving gaps of Styrofoam for the moss. I did this step over my container of dirt to keep my workspace clean, FIY. Terrariums can be seen from all sides, so remember to evenly add dirt to all sides of your hill.



Add dirt to hot glue to create roads on your hill.

STEP 4: APPLY MOSS

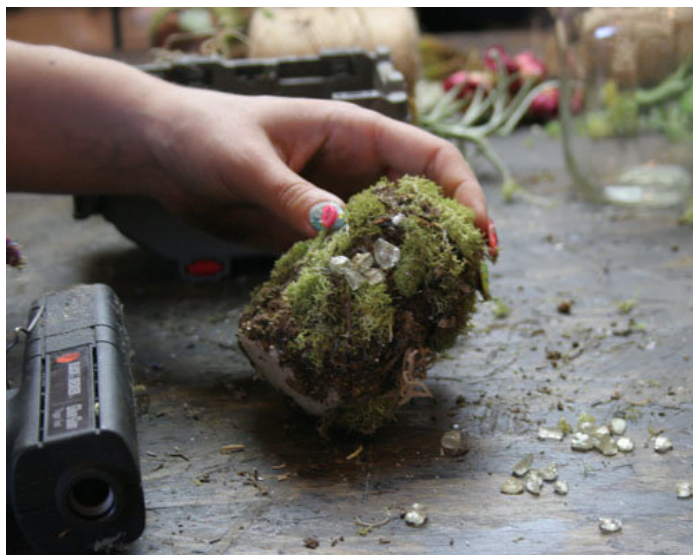
Hot glue any spaces where the Styrofoam is still visible. Take small bunches of moss and cover the hill. Use scissors to trim moss on sides or top to create more of a hill silhouette if desired.



Add moss and cover any Styrofoam spots.

STEP 5: ADD ROCKS

Next pick a few spots that need some extra sparkle. Hot glue a few areas on your hill and apply rocks. I'm using glittered rocks because I love a good sparkle. You can also use quartz, plain rocks, or shells.



Glue rocks or stones to hill.



Our little hill so far.

STEP 6: ADD FLOWERS

Time for the main event! Add your dried flowers to the top of your hill, like they are sprouting from the ground. I also used a mixture of plastic succulents to create fake petals. No need to glue these babies down, just push through to the Styrofoam.



Combine flowers to create whimsical creations.



Completed hill! It just needs a home now.

STEP 7: INSERT HILL INTO MASON JAR

Carefully push Styrofoam hill into your mason jar. Then cover edges of the hill with extra moss, rocks and anything else you think would be cute. I used scissors to help push the moss around the hill without disrupting my dried flowers.



Once hill is completed, push into mason jar.



Carefully push the hill into mason jar.

STEP 8: ADD MOSS DETAILS

To create a more polished look, add more moss and rocks around the edge of the hill. I used my scissors to push down the moss without disrupting my dried flowers.



Push down moss to fill any cracks with your scissors.



Drop rocks into the area surrounding the hill in the mason jar terrarium.

STEP 9: ADD BEE TO MASON JAR LID

We need some more life and color in our mini imaginary world. This is where our artificial bee comes in. Attach bee to mason jar lid with tape. Position the bee how you like with the wire attached.



Attach bee to lid to create a fun detail to your mason jar terrarium.

Tie twine or ribbon around the lid and now you have a mini habitat that will always stay green!



Your terrarium looks bee-utiful! Enjoy!

MASON JAR OIL LAMP



Candles and flame lamps can help you create a romantic atmosphere in your home. If you are having a dinner date, spending at home with your love one, or just pampering yourself, lighting a scented flame can really set the atmosphere. With this simple DIY you can create a lamp with ingredients and materials found in the kitchen. In fact this homemade olive oil lamp cost much cheaper compared to candles. I've made these with peppermint oil, cinnamon oil & sticks, rose oil & dried roses as well as with lavender essential oil & lavender buds. Any combination makes a lovely gift, if even for yourself! Making one is simple.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- A wide-mouthed glass jar (a quart-size wide-mouthed canning jar works really well)
- A short length of flexible steel wire (1 1/2 or 2 times the height of the jar)
- A wick
- Olive oil
- Essential oil or fragrance oil (optional)

- dried flowers, herbs or spices (optional)



Supplies You Need To Make A Mason Jar Oil Lamp

STEP 1: WRAP AND COIL WIRE TO MAKE HOOK



Wire needed to make coil for your oil lamp

Use the steel wire to create a long hook. Wrap the wire back and forth so you have several strands making up the length. Make the wire piece the same height as the jar. It will help hold the wire and can also be use as a handle to help pull the wick up for lighting.



Twist and bend the wire to make a piece that is several strands wide.



Coil the wire around a pencil or small stick so the wire has a handle.

STEP 2: MAKE WIRE COIL FOR WICK



After one coil is made, make the wire piece a few inches taller than your jar.



Wrap the other end of the wire loosely around a pencil or stick to make a loose coil for your wick.



You will end up with two coils, one on each end of your wire

Measure the wire at this point and make sure it is a couple of inches taller than your jar. At the other end of the wire from your handle coil,

make another, looser coil. This will serve as a wick stand with about an inch or two tall that sits on the bottom of the jar.

STEP 3: CUT WICK AND ATTACH TO WIRE

Create enough length of wick allowing it to stick up above the wire coil. While the remaining length of the wick is covered with olive oil.



Add the wick to the coil you just made.



Twist the wire around the wick to secure it.

STEP 4: ADD OIL

Pour the olive oil into the jar. Make sure enough amount of olive is poured into the jar. This is just under where the wick is pinched leaving

enough space for the wick not to totally soak with olive oil.

REMEMBER

For a few ounces of oil, the lamp will use for several hours.



Add the olive oil to the mason jar lamp.

STEP 5 (OPTIONAL): ADDITIONS



Add essential oil or fragrance oil to your lamp for aroma.



Add dried flowers, spices or herbs to your lamp to add interest as well as aroma.

You can add herbs and spices to add a romantic scent in the atmosphere.



Stir the mixture gently to incorporate the added ingredients.

STEP 6: LIGHT & ENJOY!



Your mason jar olive oil lamp is ready to light and use.



Mason Jar Olive Oil Lamp

How to Make Mason Jar Solar Lights

Spring is right around the corner, and that means it's time for grilling and patio parties (yay!). How you light your get together can really set the mood and bring the party to life! We have been doing some amazing mason jar crafts recently and have a couple jars left over, so we decided to experiment with some mason jar lighting. Plus, the dollar store just started selling the solar lights that you can stick in the ground around your patio.

In this tutorial we are going to show you how to make your own solar light with a mason jar. This is an inexpensive and easy way to add charm to any outdoor space.

Let's get started.

How to Make Mason Jar Solar Lights:

SUPPLIES:

- Solar light (the stake kind) \$1 each at Dollar Tree
- Mason Jar with lid
- Some sticky foam tape



Solar Lights, Mason Jars, Foam tape

STEP 1:

Start by removing the stake part of the light. It should just slide right off. You'll be left with the solar panel and light component. We kept the plastic casing around the LED.



Remove the stake piece of the solar lights so you are left with the top solar panel piece.



We kept the plastic casing around the light because it has a metal reflector that helps intensify the brightness of the lamp.

STEP 2:



Remove the lid from your jar.



Wrap the foam tape around the solar light.

Grab the jar and unscrew the lid. Remove the flat part of the lid and just keep the ring. The top part of the solar light should slide through the ring nicely with a little bit of snugness. In order to

make sure the light doesn't fall down into the jar, you'll need to put the foam tape around the top of the light. This will keep it snug.

STEP 3:

Once you've put a single layer of tape around the light, slide the light back into the ring until the top of the solar panel is flush with the top of the lid.



Squeeze the light into the center of the lid so it's mostly flush with the top of the jar.

STEP 4:

Screw the lid onto the jar & enjoy your new solar light!



Your first solar light is complete!



Vintage Pendant Lighting



We are in love with how simple and beautiful this mason jar pendant light project turned out! You can use any style of light bulb you like– we love the Edison Bulbs for their vintage charm!

This mason jar pendant light fixture makes for great bedroom lighting, or you can even make a bundle of them for a mason jar chandelier over your kitchen table!

SUPPLIES:



Mason Jar Vintage Pendant Light | Supplies

- A mason jar (We used a wide-mouth quart sized jar)
- Pendant light

- 1 Nail
- Pen (or marker)
- Hammer
- Tin snips
- Pliers

STEP 1:



Trace a circle onto the top of the lid as a guide for where you will make a hole for the light socket.



Using your light socket as a guide, trace a circle on the top of the lid.

STEP 2:

Grab your nail and hammer, start punching holes along the inside edge of the circle. These holes will make it easier to cut the center of the lid out, so don't be shy!



Using your nail and hammer, start punching holes along the edge of the circle.



Punch holes all around the circle. The more you punch, the easier it will be to remove the center piece.

STEP 3:

Without any airflow, the jar will start to get super hot when you turn on your light. To solve this problem, simply add holes to allow for

ventilation. Do this by barely tapping your nail into the top of the jar. We liked how a bunch of small holes looked compared to a couple large ones. (How big you make your holes is up to you.)



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STEP 4:

Now it's time to remove the center of the lid. To do this, grab your tin snips (scissors may work too) and start cutting along the holes.

We ended up with some sharp edges poking upward from where we cut. To remedy this, we grabbed our pliers and bent the edges down and in. This also made some more room for the socket to fit through.



Using your tin snips, cut the rest of the center piece out.



We had to use our pliers to pull the sharp edges down in order to get our light socket through the hole.

STEP 5:



Push the light socket through the hole you made in the lid. (make sure to include the rim as well). Then screw on the ring that comes with your pendant light.

STEP 6:



Now you are ready to screw in your light bulb. (We chose a vintage Edison Bulb!)



Carefully place the bulb and lid on the mason jar and secure.



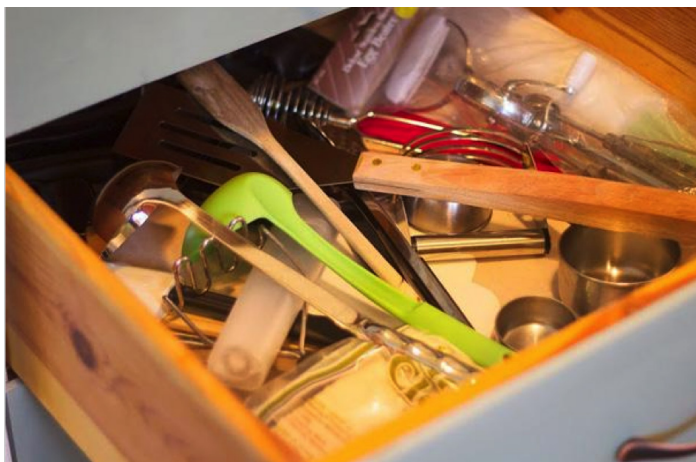
Find a place to hang your new mason jar pendant light!

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED LEARNING HOW TO MAKE THIS MASON JAR PENDANT LIGHT!

Painted Mason Jar Utensil Holders



Looking for your next mason jar craft? Have fun with painted mason jars by making them a utensil holder. This is a fun and easy DIY project you can make by decorating mason jars and making them your personalized utensil organizer!

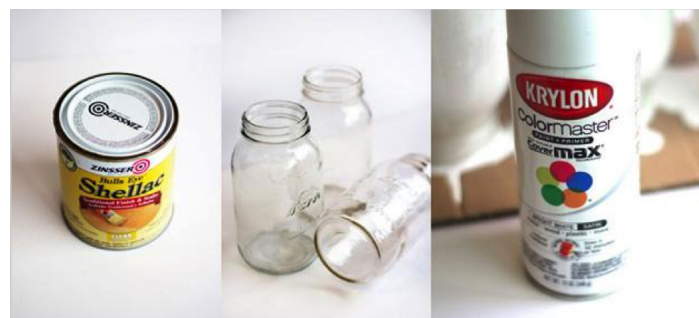


Does your kitchen drawer look like this too?

Are you tired of fumbling around in a messy utensil drawer when you need a spatula? Are you fed up with the tangled mess of spoons, scoops, knives, and whisks that make cooking a hassle? We've got a fun, easy, and stylish solution for your travesty of a utensil drawer! In less than an hour, you can make fabulously chic and functional utensil storage that will

look great out in the open on your counter. Let's get started!

YOU'LL NEED SEVEN ITEMS TO GET STARTED WITH YOUR MASON JAR CRAFT:



- Mason Jars
- White Paint (acrylic craft paint or a spray can of white paint)
- Clear Coat Shellac
- Roll of Black Vinyl (Michael's Crafts)
- Exacto Knife
- White Paint Pen
- Paintbrush

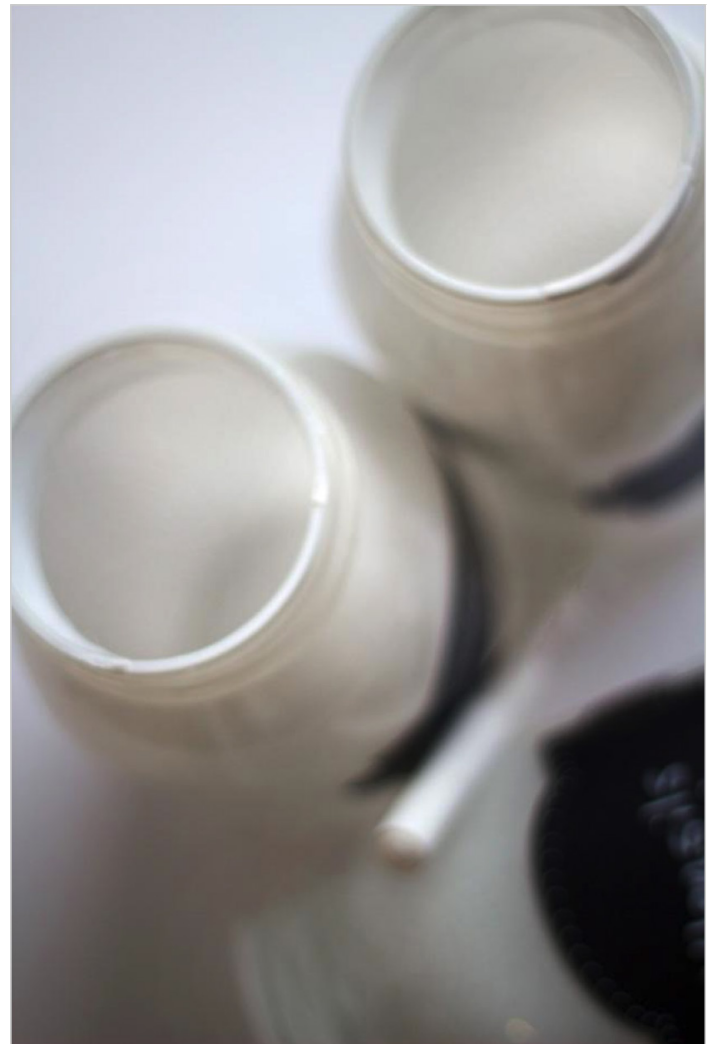
STEP 1



First, let's start with the paint. Make sure the insides of your mason jars are clean and dry, then pour your acrylic paint into the inside. If you have a spray can, put the nozzle into the jar and spray the inside (make sure you're wearing a mask to keep you safe from the paint particles that will float up out of the jar). Roll the jar around in your hands to spread the paint thoroughly inside. Once the paint is covering every inch of the inside of the glass, flip the jar over onto a sheet of cardboard and let it drain.

STEP 2

Once the jar has drained, tip it up so the rim doesn't dry against the cardboard and stick to it. Allow the jars to dry for a few hours.



STEP 3

Now, if your utensil jars get as much use as mine do, you'll want to fortify the paint inside, otherwise it will all chip away within the first few months. To lengthen the life of my utensil mason jars, I used a product called clear coat Shellac. I picked up a can at Home Depot for about \$10, and used only a small amount of the can (so you can do quite a few projects with your can, yay!) Pour a dollop of Shellac into your jar

and roll it around inside just like you did with the paint. Drain, dry, and presto! You now have a much-improved interior coating for your project.

STEP 4

For the labels, I used my Silhouette Cameo machine to cut the labels, however if I didn't have one, I could have used an exacto knife or even sharp scissors for the same result! The roll of black vinyl can be found at Michael's Crafts, and will serve you for many projects. Simply cut out your labels, then peel and stick. You can pull up countless label templates with a quick Google search, and then use the template to trace and cut your label.



STEP 5

Once you have your mason jars labeled, it's time to have some fun with a paint pen! You can use any color, but I chose a sleek, matching white paint pen for my designs.

Easy as that! A few simple supplies, a couple of quick steps, and you've got cute, functional storage. Have fun with this easy mason jar craft!



Isn't this mason jar craft a fun and creative way to get your utensils organized?