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Butterfly Garden Candles



Supplies Needed:

- ◆ Glass Jar—Clean & Dry
- ◆ Kitchen Sponge
- ◆ 2 Tapered Paint Brushes - 1 Medium, 1 Fine
- ◆ Water Based Acrylic Paint
 - Light Green
 - Dark Green
 - 5 Bright Flower Colors of your choice
- ◆ Butterfly Stickers or Decals
- ◆ Long Scissors
- ◆ Paper Plate
- ◆ Wick
- ◆ Scent
- ◆ Blue Candle Dye (blocks or liquid)
- ◆ Container Wax
- ◆ Craft Stick
- ◆ Glue Gun or Glue Dots



Now For The Fun All Painting Is Done on the Inside of the Jar

Step 1

Place dollop of dark green paint on paper plate. Using the medium brush dip in the dark green paint, start at the bottom of the jar and make upward strokes close together about an inch high. Add more paint as needed and it is ok for some strokes to be darker than others as this will give a dimensional look. Continue all the way around jar and repeat this process about 1 inch above the first row with 1/4 "to 1/2" tall strokes depending on the height of your jar. Continue this all the way around.

Step 2

Using the bright paint colors, place a small drop of each color on your paper plate. Dip the medium paint brush in one color at a time and place a solid dot of color all of the way around the jar skipping a few stems in between. Repeat this step for all colors, until the row is full of color. Use the fine brush to repeat this process for the top row.

Let Paint Completely Dry

Step 3

Place dollop of light green paint on paper plate. Cut your sponge into a small rectangle about 1/2" by 1". Dampen sponge, squeeze out any excess water and blot with a paper towel. Hold sponge with scissors at an angle and dab sponge into light green paint. Use the sponge to dapple the light green paint and fill in the space starting at the bottom of jar all the way to the next line of flowers. This creates the illusion of grass. Do not go past the top line of flowers. If you are using a tall jar you can add a few white fluffy clouds around the top by simply using the sponge method used for the grass and white paint instead of green. Space the clouds around the top below the neck of the jar with some and high some just a little lower. The clouds should end up below the top of the wax. This will finish the jar off nicely.

Let Completely Dry

Finishing Your Candle

Step 4

Melt your favorite one pour container wax and add the scent of your choice. Add just a bit of blue coloring so that you achieve a nice pastel blue color that will mimic the sky.

Step 5

Attach your wick to the bottom of your jar using a glue gun or glue dot and fill your jar with wax. If you painted clouds, go up past the clouds, but do not overfill. Use a craft stick to hold the wick straight and in the center of the jar while your wax cools.

Let Completely Set Up

Stickers Are Placed on Outside of Jar

Step 7

Place your butterfly stickers wherever you like on the outside of your jar. Place some facing one way and others going the other way and some up and some down. Use larger butterflies towards the bottom and smaller ones towards the top. This will give a really cool 3D effect.

Step 8

Now stand back and enjoy the candle that you just crafted. Candles make great gifts because they are very personally crafted by you and not like anything that you will not find in any store. WOW your friends and family.

I hope you enjoyed this project as much as I did! Happy candle making

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