

Tending God's Light

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Tealight Crafts

Tin-foil Tealight Lamp

What you need:

- ♦ small silver foil pie dishes
- ♦ clay or plaster of paris
- ♦ tealights
- ♦ macaroni, gumnuts, etc. that have been spray-painted silver, gold, red or green; other small decorations, e.g. small pinecones, sprigs from a spruce tree, red, green, or gold beads; ribbon tied in bows onto florist's wire.
- ♦ If using plaster of paris: containers to mix plaster in, water.

What to do:

- ♦ Fill foil pie dish with clay or plaster; if using plaster of paris, mix it according to instructions (usually 2-3 parts plaster to 1 part water) and use it quickly once it has reached the required consistency.
- ♦ Place a tealight in the centre of the clay or plaster, then decorate with spray-painted gumnuts, macaroni and other decorations. Push the wired ribbons into the clay or plaster, being careful to direct them away from the candle flame.



Ribbon/bow: bend out of the way of the flame

Coloured beads or 'jewels' embedded in the wet plaster

Caution:

Be mindful while doing this craft of the possibility of decorations catching fire if the candle is lit. Make sure that any possibly flammable materials are placed well away from the candle flame.

(Adapted from a craft from West Epping UCA, NSW)

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Glass Jar Tealight

Theme: Light; gift

Age group: 5 & up

Time required: 20 mins

This is an easy project that kids can do by themselves that can be given as a quality-looking gift. They make lovely Advent or Christmas gifts too.

You'll need:

- ♦ babyfood jars
- ♦ tissue paper: various colours
- ♦ paint brushes
- ♦ PVA glue



Method:

- ♦ Water down some glue and paint the babyfood jars with it.
- ♦ Stick cut-up pieces (about 1cm x 1cm) of tissue paper onto the glue and then paint another coat of glue over the top.
- ♦ Put a tealight candle inside.
- ♦ To hold the candle in place, drip a little melted wax from another candle onto the bottom of the jar and sit the tealight candle on it while it is still wet.

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