

UPCYCLED CRAYON CANDLES

This bright idea turns something old into something new and wonderful.

MATERIALS:

Old crayons

Plastic bag

Muffin tin

Tealight candle wicks
(available at your local craft store)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Preheat oven to 150 degrees.
- 2 Remove wrappers from crayons. Soaking crayons in water makes this easier.
- 3 Fill plastic bag with crayon pieces and start smashing!
- 4 Coat muffin tin with cooking spray. Fill each cup about $\frac{3}{4}$ full with smashed crayon pieces.
- 5 Bake crayon mixture for 8-20 minutes until the wax is melted. Melting times vary depending on the brand of crayons.



- 6 Remove from oven and let wax cool. After a few minutes, push a wick into the center of your candle (it should still be liquid but firm).

Tip: If you don't insert a wick, you'll have giant "crazy crayons" that you can use to color or decorate cards.

- 7 Let candles set until hard. Freeze for 10 minutes, then turn upside down to remove.

SECOND NIGHT. Here's a tip: You light the candles beginning on the left (Always LIGHT from LEFT to RIGHT). And remember – the real miracle of Hanukkah, says Rabbi David Hartman, was not that the oil lasted eight nights. It was that, given there was so little oil, we tried to light at all. That's the Jewish answer to a world that feels dark. Go ahead and light.