

Make Your Own Oil Candle

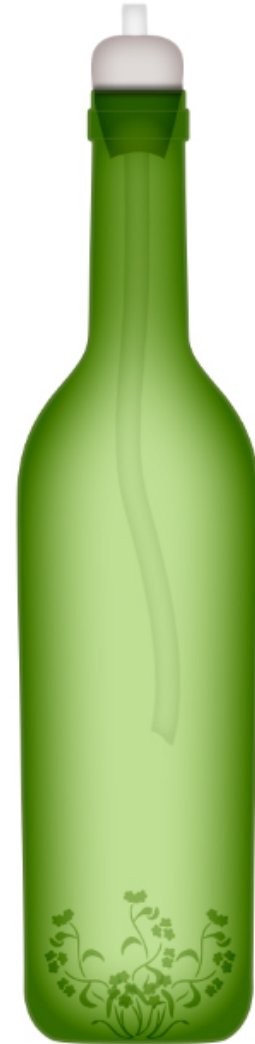
These directions will help you make a basic oil candle using a wine bottle or glass bottle. If you'd like to make an even more attractive candle, try one of the decorating suggestions that follow.

Supplies

- A recycled wine bottle or [glass bottle](#) with a similar style opening
- Liquid paraffin oil, [scented](#) or [unscented](#)
- Funnel, found in any kitchen wares department
- [Ceramic wick holder](#) for wine bottles (Includes appropriately-sized wick)

Directions

1. Wash out the wine bottle a few days ahead of time so it will be completely dry when it's time to make your candle.
2. Using the funnel, carefully pour your chosen oil into the wine bottle, pouring very slowly when the oil reaches the bottle neck. You want to fill the bottle to about 1/2 inch of the rim.
3. Insert the wick holder assembly into the top of the bottle. The tip of the wick should rise about 1/4 inch above the top of the holder.
4. Let the bottle sit for 15 to 20 minutes in order for the wick to soak oil up to its tip.
5. Carefully light the wick, and enjoy the soft glow of light.



Decorative Touches

A plain oil candle looks rather romantic on its own, but you can add some decorations to the bottom of your bottle before adding your oil. Consider adding enough of the following items to fill about two inches of the bottom of the bottle.

- Glass beads: Clear or in your favorite color combinations
- Seashells: Select ones that are small enough to fit through the bottle opening.
- Assorted marbles: Choose a variety of colors.
- Decorative aquarium gravel: Wash and dry before adding.
- Thin spirals of lemon, lime, orange or grapefruit rind: These will also add a little scent to your oil if you let the peels cure in it for a day before lighting.

- Cinnamon sticks: These are another scent booster.
- Rose petals, or small flowers
- Nuts in the shell: Consider nuts such as almonds or hazelnuts.
- Assorted buttons: These make for a more whimsical design.
- Small springs of dried herbs or dried lavender