

Citronella Oil Mason Jar Candles

Supplies Needed

Mason jar
Glass gems, stones, or sand
Water
Olive oil
Citronella oil (Lemongrass is another bug repelling essential oil)\
Floating wick



Directions

1. Begin by choosing a jar to hold your candle. You can use any size mason jar you would like, but if you choose an 8 ounce or larger candle, I recommend weighing the bottom of the jar. Adding sand or glass gems to the jar will help to prevent the jar from being knocked over or blown over by the wind.
2. Add water to the jar, leaving about one inch of room at the top of the jar for the rest of the ingredients. Pour in roughly half an inch of oil. The exact amount of oil will vary depending on the size mason jar you are using. The oil will float on the top of the water. Add in a ¼ teaspoon of LorAnn citronella oil and give it a gentle stir.
3. Place a wick inside the cork disc so that no more than half an inch of wick extends below the disc. Place the floating wick on top of the oil. Check to make sure the bottom of the wick does not extend below the level of the oil. You want to make sure the wick is drawing oil up through the wick, not water.

The wick will use the olive and citronella oil as fuel to burn for several hours. The scent of the burning citronella oil will keep mosquitos at bay so you can enjoy your time outside. When you are finished using the candle for the day, blow out the flame and give the candle a bit of time to cool down. Then you can screw the mason jar lid back on to save the candle for another use. You can replace the floating wick when needed, and refill the olive and citronella oils if you use them up.

Making Scented Candles for Indoor Use

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