

snagged from my crafting group from Joy OH.

How to Make Your Own Wicks for Candles

*Dissolve 2 tablespoons of table salt and 4 tablespoons of borax in 1 1/2 cups of warm water.

Soak a 1-foot length of regular cotton kite string or twine in the solution for 15 minutes.

Hang each string with a clothespin for 5 days to be sure it is completely dry.

Use a paperclip to dip each string completely in melted wax 3 to 4 times, coating it completely.

Hang it up to dry as before...

Store wicks rolled up in a newspaper.

TIPS:

Add a teaspoon of one of these chemicals to the *initial soak for colored flames:

Strontium Chloride for a brilliant red flame,

Boric Acid for a deep red flame,

Calcium for a red-orange flame,

Calcium Chloride for a yellow-orange flame,

Table Salt for a bright yellow flame,

Borax for a yellow-green flame,

Copper Sulfate (blue vitrol/bluestone) for a green flame,

Calcium Chloride for a blue flame,

Potassium Sulphate or Potassium Nitrate (saltpeter) for a violet flame,

Epsom Salts for a white flame.

***WARNING:

Add ONLY ONE (1) chemical for color variation.

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