

Plastic Bottle Candle Molds

Materials Needed:

Paraffin; 5 bars each for small detergent bottles shown. Packages of dyes in assorted colors. Assorted bangles, sequins, glitter, Christmas decorations, ribbons, straight pins, gold spray paint, masking tape, all-purpose glue.

Cut top off container--mold. Slash container from top to bottom on front, back and sides leaving bottom intact. Bind back together with masking tape, up and down openings, then wind tape all around. Punch a hole in center of bottom of container no larger than cord. Run cord through hole up and out of top of container. Tie end to a pencil. Place pencil across top of container, then turn over and pull cord taut. Cut cord and secure to bottom with tape. Then cover tape with a light coating of melted paraffin and let harden before filling.

Melt paraffin in double boiler, following directions on package. Never melt over direct heat; melt over hot water. Add dye, two teaspoons per pound. Remove from water and stir for three to five minutes then slowly pour into mold. Fill mold about $\frac{3}{4}$ " at a time, so as not to melt paraffin on outside of mold. When paraffin has cooled and hardened, remove candle by cutting tape strips and peeling mold off. Decorate

