

Country Candle Décor

Supplies included:

- 6.5" battery operated candle
- 2 AA batteries
- 1"x10" strip of homespun fabric
- 2.25" rusted metal star
- Small tag
- 12" yarn
- Baking cup, 3.5" diameter x 1.25" side wall
- Coin roll, \$10 quarter size cut in half
- Bag of potpourri, foam berries, etc.
- Paintbrush
- Foam brush
- Black paint (Apple Barrel acrylic)
- 1/3 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp instant coffee + 1 tsp Elmer's glue
- 1 tb ground coffee
- Sandpaper
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks
- Paper plate



Additional supplies needed:

- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hair dryer (optional)

Directions:

1. Rough up the candlestick with the sandpaper (don't sand the bulb!).
2. Mark the height of the coin roll on the candle with a pencil.
3. Using the bristle brush, paint the glue and instant coffee mixture onto the candlestick, from the top to just past the pencil mark. (If the glue mixture has gotten too thick, mix in a tiny bit of water.)
4. Holding the candle over a disposable plate, sprinkle ground coffee onto the wet glue.
5. Gently sprinkle cinnamon on top of the coffee. Reserve part of the cinnamon for later.
6. Set the candle aside to dry.
7. Using the foam brush, paint the baking cup black. For me, it worked best to paint the inside wall, the outside wall, the inside bottom, and lastly the outside bottom. For a rusty look, gently sprinkle cinnamon onto the wet paint.

8. Paint the coin roll black and sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired.
9. Set the coin roll and baking cup aside to dry.
10. When the candle is at least partially dry, dab on the remaining glue mixture with the bristle brush to seal the grunge layer. If the glue has gotten too thick, thin it slightly with water.
11. Sprinkle the leftover coffee grounds and a little bit of cinnamon onto the wet glue for texture.
12. Have a hair dryer handy if you want to speed up the drying process. Otherwise, let the candle, baking cup, and coin roll dry completely before you continue.
13. Pop the painted coin roll open and run a bead of hot glue around one end. Glue it in the center of the baking cup to make a candle holder.
14. Insert the batteries and put the candle in the holder. (If the bulb has gotten dirty from the grunge process, a Lysol wipe works well to clean it off.)
15. Fray the homespun fabric by pulling off the outer threads. Tie it around the candle above the coin roll.
16. Hot glue the metal star in place. I like to put it near the top with the top point in front of the flame.
17. Cut out the tag.
18. Pull a strand out of the yarn so that you have two strands left intertwined. Throw the extra strand away.
19. Coil the yarn around your finger and close it in the cinnamon container. Shake the container to coat the yarn in cinnamon. Run your fingers down the yarn to shake off extra cinnamon powder. (You might want to do this step over a trashcan.)
20. Thread the cinnamon yarn through the tag and tie a bow around the star.
21. Arrange the potpourri mixture in the baking cup and enjoy!
22. For cleanup, wash the brushes and empty cups. Dry completely before returning to the library.