



In this picture are two strings of "glued together" beads, several sequins, two different push-pins, thumbtacks, a decorative clothing rivet, two eyelets, a couple plastic petals, plastic rings and a snowflake brad from the scrapbook section of the craft store.

Candles

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Group of three candles on plastic petals on a piece of lace, a plastic dish filled with resin and gold glitter, a flower and three round candles, a group of three bugle beads on sequin stars on a large round flat sequin, a polymer bead on brass petal on wooden push-pin, three small beads in rivets, two bugle beads on plastic petals, an Easter egg bead on clear sequin on earring back, and two small beads and a petal dish on a piece of silver ribbon.



Oval bead on sequin on push-pin, a heart bead on plastic ring on decorative sequin on thumbtack, a green oval bead on plastic ring on green decorative sequin on earring back, a polymer bead on plastic ring, an Asian bead on black thumbtack, bugle bead on flat floral sequin, Easter egg bead on plastic ring, bugle bead on earring back, polymer bead on petal sequin.



Turquoise bead on plastic ring on thumbtack, flower-decorated bead on decorative finding, round bead on plastic petal on earring back, cylindrical bead on stack decorative sequins, carved bead on snowflake brad, cylinder bead on decorative finding, Asian bead on sequin on large push-pin, and a bugle bead in eyelet on earring back with jump ring handle.

These candles won't burn anything and don't have any scents to which you might be allergic. You can fill a whole candle shop with them, or pick one or more for a special occasion or for your decor.

Candles begin with bases: sequins, jewelry findings, buttons, thumbtacks and push-pins, eyelets, clothing rivets and even flower pots, glassware and dishes that are meant for party mints.

The main part of each candle is a bead, and sometimes the beads are already glued to the necklace string, or you can add sewing thread (white for new candles, black for already used candles).

The list of combinations is endless. Your only limit is in what you can find, and how you assemble it together. View the pictures for ideas.

What You'll Need:

- Base
- Thread
- Toothpick
- Bead
- Thick Craft glue
- Scissors

- 1.** Select components suitable for your celebration or décor. Trial fit them together. If a base or bead doesn't fit levelly, sand it down as required or add another finding to help it keep the candle vertical.
- 2.** Pull components apart and put them back together, one at a time, adding glue with your toothpick.
- 3.** If your bead needs a wick, push 1 inch of wick/thread into its hole with your toothpick, hold steady with one finger and push glue into the hole with the toothpick. When this has dried, go back and add glue to fill the hole with glue; it will resemble melted wax. Trim the wick back to about $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

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