

DIY TREE CANDLES



1. Cut the plastic pipe into 3 ¼" lengths. (this length may differ a bit based on your particular string of lights as you'll see a bit later on) You can use a circular saw or a hacksaw to cut your plastic pipe.

2. Squeeze hot glue onto one end of the pipes to mimic dripping candle wax. This is your sheath.

3. Paint the sheath with a mixture of white and cream paint which will resemble wax.

TIP: Spray with a low sheen clear coat to make it resemble wax even more.

4. Remove 48 bulbs from your string of lights. (number of bulbs you do is optional but I used 48 candles for my tree) Paint each bulb with light orange paint and let dry. Once dry, paint the tips with dark orange.

TIP: For some reason you cannot buy a string of orange C6 LED lights at this time. Green? Yes. Blue? Yes. But not orange. That's why you have to paint the clear bulbs. If in the future orange is available you can buy those and avoid having to paint the bulbs. Possibly keep your eyes open around Halloween.

5. Cut a pop can in half and fill it with clear silicone.

6. Wrap a piece of floral wire around the base of each painted bulb and dip them in the silicone.

7. Hang the bulbs to dry overnight.

TIP: Make sure your bulbs are hanging straight down so the tips will be straight and not bent when they're dry.

8. Glue an alligator clip vertically at the base of the sheaths. I used Loctite's Precision Max super glue.

9. Gather your string of C6 lights.

10. Grasp the lighting wire in your fingers until it's bent like this.

TIP: The measurement from the tip of the socket to the base where my fingers are pinching is how long your plastic pipe pieces should be cut. This may vary with different brands of LED lights.

11. Insert your sheath over top. It will fit tight enough that the sheath won't fall off. Make sure there aren't any loose bits or sharp edges inside the sheath from cutting it because that can cut the wire as you push it through and you do NOT want to do that.

12. Clip your sheaths all around your tree where they look good, then string your lights on the tree, inserting the cord and candle bulbs in the pre-placed sheaths.