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How to...make a recycled earth candle for our Candlemas Festival

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To make the wick of the candle you will need cotton string, tape and scissors



Cut three pieces of string about the length of A4 paper



Tie them together - ask the person supporting you if you are unsure



Tape the tied end of the string to the work surface to hold it while you plat



Plat together and knot the other end - ask the person supporting you if you are unsure



Soak the wick in vegetable oil



Find a space on the ground for your candle - ask the person supporting you if you are unsure



Dig out a hole about the size of a cup and press in a small hole at the bottom for the wick



Place one end of the wick in the small hole at the bottom and press the earth around it



Place a stick across the space and drape the wick across so it stays upright



Next you will need a chopping board, old candles and a butter knife



Chop up the candles into small pieces about 1cm - ask the person supporting you if you are unsure



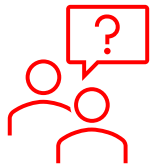
You will need a heat proof jug that will sit inside a pan



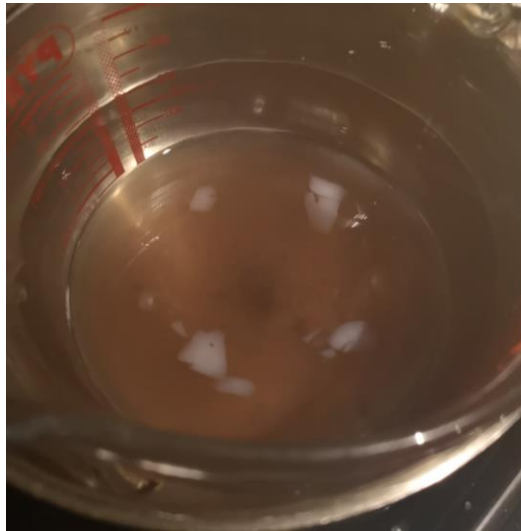
Add enough water to the pan so the jug still sits in



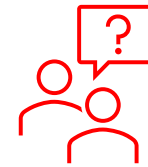
Make sure the water doesn't spill over the top



Add the wax to the jug and put onto a low heat - ask the person supporting you if you are unsure



Slowly melt the wax - do not boil - remember to turn off the heat



Using a dry cloth around the handle remove the jug from the pan - ask the person supporting you if you are unsure



Carefully pour the wax into the hole
- ask the person supporting you if
you are unsure



Allow the wax to cool for an
hour - it will go white



Trim the wick about 1.5
cm above the wax



Your candle is now ready
to light



Use extra-long matches - ask
the person supporting you if
you are unsure



Well done - your very own
Candlemas candle - from
recycled old candles ☺ enjoy