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I love burning candles and have them all around the house. Long ones, short ones, fat ones, thin ones, in a plethora of colours. I burn them in the evening when I'm relaxing; I burn them at mealtimes; and I burn them in the bathroom when I'm pampering myself. Any excuse to light a candle really.

But candles don't always fit the holder, and sometimes they burn down too far and the wax gets stuck! It's at times like this that candles aren't quite as much fun!

Here are some candle burning tips I've picked up through the years:

- 1.Cold candles will burn more slowly. Wrap them in foil or cling-film to prevent the wicks from absorbing moisture then pop them in the fridge for an hour.
- 2.When burning pillar candles, let them burn long enough each time to create a pool of wax that almost covers the diameter of the candle. This will ensure that the candle burns evenly each time you light it. If it doesn't create a large enough pool you'll end up with a tunnel through the candle and eventually it will either melt through one side or you'll simply not be able to get down far enough to light it. And even if you did, it would give off very little light.
- 3.Never stand a lit candle in a wind draught as they'll create a larger, more irregular flame and your candle will burn unevenly.
- 4.Never expose candles to sunlight or indoor spotlights. They will fade the colour and if left for too long, the candles will bend.
- 5.If your candle is too narrow to fit snugly into the holder, wrap cooking foil or tissue paper around the bottom of the candle to make the base thicker. Don't worry, the tissue paper won't burn even if you do allow the candle to burn right down into the holder as the melted wax will soak the paper. Having said

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that, it's never a good idea to allow candles to burn right down; they should be extinguished when they're about 2 inches over the holder.

6.If you've allowed the candle to burn right down and the wax is stuck in the holder, put the holder into the freezer for a couple of hours and the wax should be considerably easier to dig out.

7.If you like votive candles, try buying the type that have metal cases as these are easier to remove from holders after use. If you only have the uncovered type, pour some water into the holder before lighting the candle. Once extinguished and the wax hardened, it should be easier to pop it out of the container.

8.Spilled wax should always be allowed to solidify before being removed. Once hard, cover the area with brown paper and gently press with a warm iron. The wax will be absorbed into the paper.

9.Extinguish candles by pushing the wick into the liquid wax (don't use your fingers - a used matchstick is a good tool for this). Leave it for about a minute then re-center the wick. Using this technique both eliminates smoking from the extinguished wick and covers the wick with a layer of wax making re-lighting easier.

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Add Scented Jar Candles To Any Room In Your Home

By Andrew Green

Any room in your home can benefit from the addition of some fantastic scented jar candles. The style of scented jar candles will never fade and they are durable and long lasting. The majority of scented jar candles will last anywhere from 50 to 120 hours. They always look great and they are some of the most affordable candles on the market today.

Everyone loves nice scented jar candles, that is why they are so popular and hard to keep on the shelves of stores. If you look in any home décor magazine you are going to see plenty of these scented jar candles in all different rooms. Decorators suggest putting scented jar candles in your bathroom to get rid of any lingering unwanted smells, in your front hall so that guests are greeted with a warm and inviting scent and even the dining room.

When you choose some scented jar candles for the dining room or the kitchen you should take the

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time to choose the scented jar candles that will promote an appetite. You do not want to choose a smell that will make people not want to eat. A more subtle scent is usually the kind that you want to go for in any room where eating will be done.

You can even use scented jar candles to create a romantic mood between you and your lover. Everyone like to forget their troubles for awhile and what better way to do this than to light up some scented jar candles and sit back with the one you love. Perhaps have some wine and listen to some soft music or even just talk to each other. I am telling you that scented jar candles could make all of the difference to your night any day of the week. Light some up tonight and relax with your partner, you both deserve it.

Scented jar candles are easy to find and are very affordable. You can purchase scented jar candles online or by mail or even at your local grocery store. The best place to get scented jar candles for cheap is the internet. There is a huge market for these fantastic candles online. You will find many different brands for much less than you would find them for anywhere else. If you don't believe me check it out for yourself, you will be amazed at the savings that you can find on scented jar candles online.

If you do not yet have any scented jar candles in your home, there is no time like the present to get some. Start shopping for your scented jar candles today and get in on the after holiday savings, you will not be disappointed. Scented jar candles can really change the whole feel of your home for the better.

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