CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION FOR THIS PROJECT. It requires using a stove or other heat source and pouring hot oil and wax.

1. In a small old pan or pot, heat about 3 Tbsp. cooking oil over low heat. Add tea bags and steep for about 20 minutes. It’s okay if some of the tea bags break apart.

2. While the tea bags are steeping, prepare your container. Secure the wick to the bottom of the container using either the adhesive sticker provided or crafting glue. Center the wick so your candle will melt evenly. Use a wick holder to keep the wick in place or prop the wick up using a kitchen utensil laid across the top of the container.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED:
- Soy wax flakes
- Wick
- Wick sticker or glue
- Wick holder or kitchen utensil
- Candle container
- Tea bags
- Cooking oil*
- Old pan or pot, small*
- Stove or other heat source*
- Microwave and microwave-safe container (optional)*
- Essential oils (optional)*

*This item is not included in the provided kit.
3. When your oil is strongly tea scented, remove and dispose of the tea bags. Turn the heat down to its lowest setting. If your stove has a warm setting, that’s perfect.

4. Melt the wax flakes. There are two ways to do this.

- If you have an electric stovetop, simply add the wax flakes to the pan with your oil and let them melt.

- If you have a gas stovetop or are concerned about cleaning wax out of your pan (see Clean-Up Tips), heat your wax in a microwave using a microwave-safe container. It’s difficult to control temperature in a microwave, so heat your wax in 20–30 second increments, stirring in between.

**WARNING:** If your melted wax gets too hot, it can ruin your candle and on rare occasions can start a fire. Please take care if microwaving your wax and do not leave the wax unattended during this step.

5. Stir the melted wax and scented oil together. If you’d like to add a few drops of essential oils for a stronger scent, do that now.

6. Pour the wax and oil mixture into your container. You may wish to move the wick to the side for easier pouring, just make sure to re-center it after. Make sure your container is level and try not to move it too much after pouring the wax.

7. Let wax set at room temperature for a few hours or overnight. Trim the wick to about half an inch. You’re ready to light your candle and enjoy!

**CLEAN-UP TIPS**

Try not to wash wax down your drain where it can solidify. To clean wax out of a pot or pan, re-heat the pan until the wax softens and carefully wipe up the melted wax with a paper towel. For smooth, hard surfaces that won’t get scratched, hardened wax can easily be scraped off.