

Make a Candle Cake

Age:6-11 Group size: 6

Duration: 30 mins



Preparation time: 20 mins

Resources

- String
- Ends of old candles
- Paper cake cases
- Yogurt pots
- straw
- Cooker
- Pan
- Heatproof jug
- Rulers
- water
- scissors
- blu tack or sellotape
- sugar sprinkles eg. 100s and 1000s
- oven gloves
- saucers
- fridge



- *Warning – involves molten wax, close supervision required*

Preparation

Collect ends of old candles, preferably in one colour or colours that can be mixed. Each child needs a cake case, saucer and a straw.

Activity

Measure the depth of the cake case and cut a piece of string that is 2 cms

longer. Stick one end of the string to the straw and dangle the string into the cake case, with the straw resting across the rim. The straw will hold the string in place - this is the candle wick. If the string is still too long, snip the end until



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it reaches the bottom of the cake case. Stand the cake case on a saucer.

Put some water into the pan and sit the jug with the candles ends in it. Heat the water to simmering point (Adult). The melting process may be hastened by stirring.



When the wax has melted use oven gloves to take the jug out of the water and pour it into the cake cases.

The wax will cool rapidly and a fridge will make this happen even faster.

After 5 minutes, use the sprinkles on top of the cake cases.



In another 5 or 10 minutes the candle will have set and the cake case can be successfully peeled off. Cut the wick off just above the height of the wax.

