

## “Chiller” Candelabra or Candlestick

Let's add a little fun to your Halloween entertaining. You'll need the following items to get started:

Candelabra or Candlestick(s) Brass or Silver finish

Skull beads, any size, any color you'd like to use, the hole in the bead needs to go thru the skull from top to bottom and the hole needs to be big enough for the existing candle to go thru

Gloss or Semi-Gloss Black Spray Paint (I use Krylon)

Fimo or other plastic oven bake clay brand - of your color preference and clear clay to mix in

Heavy black thread for wicks or run a black thread thru tacky glue and let dry

Toaster oven designated for Fimo is preferable over your oven you use in your home

Tile or tin to put your piece on for baking

Surface for rolling your clay

Remove the candles that come with your candelabra or candlestick if they'll come out and set aside. If not, it's ok if the candles get lightly painted. I gave my piece one light spray with black spray so the metal high light shows thru. You can also do a more solid spray if you wish. Let dry overnight.

Put the candles back in and glue them in with a small amount of glue ( I recommend Tacky Glue) let dry. I left the existing candles in as an anchor for the skulls and the new candles you will be adding. Put a small amount of glue on the candles to hold the skull in place and set the skulls the way you want them to face on the candelabra. I faced mine all out from each side. There will be a small amount of the candles sticking up thru the top of the skull, depending on size of your beads, and again, let this dry.

Mix a small amount of the clear clay in with the color you are using. I used Premo Accents brand "Graphite Pearl". I worked in the clear and a small amount of plain black to reduce the sparkle a bit.

Once you have it mixed, roll into a ball and then start rolling the clay into a tube on your rolling surface with the palm/heel of your hand into a snake. When it gets smaller, use your pointer finger to continue to roll it into a small snake, getting to the width of candle you want. You will want it wide enough to cover the hole in your bead but not too big that it looks top heavy. Your candles can be as tall or short as you want, all around the same height or varying heights. Carefully cut your tube into the lengths you want your candles with a razor blade or thin, sharp exacta knife.

Use a pointy tool of some kind and carefully put a small indent in the bottom to fit over the existing candle, this helps to keep from losing the candles shape when you're attaching your candle to the skull. Attach candle to skull, work into place with fingers or rubber tipped tool so your candle is nicely seated on the skull. Use the end of a paintbrush or rubber tipped tool to make a dent in the top of the candle. You can pull the dent off to the side a bit to let "wax" run down the side of the candle. Pull a few small pieces of clay and place them from the top down the side, you can overlap a few to look like dripping wax. Work this into the clay at the top a bit and press slightly so the drips adhere to the candle. Look at a candle to get a better idea how these look.

Take a pin or sharp tool and make a small hole in the middle of the top of your candle to put in your wick. Cut a short piece of your black thread, dip in glue and put wick in hole.

You are now ready to bake according to your clay package instructions. Enjoy!