How to Make an Everlasting Candle from Crisco (it doesn't smell!)

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Ok, here's the thing, I was always going to get around to doing a post on making a candle with Crisco, but then someone commented on our Facebook page about our make a candle with olive oil post saying olive oil is expensive and Crisco is a better option.

This got me thinking and tinkering and do you know what, it's nice to make an olive oil candle (there is just something nice, healthy and clean about olive oil), but if you are up against it and you want the functional no-frills, but works like a charm option, then Crisco is the way to go. Also it couldn't really be simpler as Crisco comes in a tin, so once you have inserted a wick, you are ready to go!

And NO, No, No it doesn't stink! So don't ask! I admit I thought it would, but to my surprise it doesn't.

One thing I would do differently to the video is - I find it easier to use a straw to insert the wick. Simply cut your wick to size, insert it into the straw and then use the straw to slide the wick in the Crisco, easy! It is preferable to buy and use proper wicks as these burn better, but at a push any similar sized cord will do if you are stuck.

So there you go folks, but a few tins of Crisco in the cupboard and keep some wicks/string handy and you have cheap everlasting candles, which you could eat if you got really desperate...

You can get your Crisco and candle wicks from Amazon (Crisco at Amazon, is there anything you can't buy from Amazon now?)