

Directions for Memory Candles (from Knottie dcrep):

First, I purchased candle holders online from Save on Crafts: <http://www.save-on-crafts.com/buldisvasbrg.html>

Then, I bought vellum paper from Michael's. I think they come in packs of 20? I forget. But they're not expensive ☺

The paper will need to be trimmed down (after printing), because it's 8.5" high, but the candle is only about 7" high. So based on that, I created these "templates" in Word, which I'm attaching. Then I trimmed them down. They need to be printed using a laser printer (like an office printer), NOT an inkjet printer. I just used our laser printer at work ;)

I found tape runners for vellum paper, but they didn't work at all. So I ended up buying a different tape runner (I think it was Uhu), which worked great. Basically I ran the tape runner along the top and bottom edges of the vellum paper, and along the edge of the paper I was placing on the candle, and then I laid it flat on my cutting board (with grids so I could keep it straight) and carefully rolled it around the glass candleholder. It's important to get candleholders like the ones I sent you, so they're not tapered at the top or bottom. If they ARE tapered, then the paper will curve weirdly and not work.

The paper will meet in the back and overlap slightly. I just used clear tape toward the middle and bottom to hold together the edges. You might be able to find something that works better. I didn't worry about it too much, 'cause people won't really see the back side.

I bought 3/8" ribbon on eBay to hide the top and bottom edges (especially 'cause you could see the tape through the vellum paper).

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=280518121938>

So whatever ribbon you buy, try and make sure that your tape runner is thinner than that, so the tape isn't visible after you put on the ribbon. I glued the ribbon around the candle using Aleene's brand fabric glue. (You can find it at Michael's or JoAnns.) Use just a thin layer so it dries well. (My first couple of tries were a little sloppy!)

Finally, I bought these LED candles: <http://www.save-on-crafts.com/tealights.html>

They "burn" for a long time, and the wax won't ruin the candleholders. And these ones "flicker" just like regular tealights too!

Also, I created a sign for the memory candles:

In Memory

Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hands we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the ones we loved so much
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts

Although we cannot see you
We know that you are here
Smiling down, watching over us
As we say "I do"
Forever in our hearts
Forever in our lives
And so we say our vows
In loving memory of you

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