

DIY V-DAY CRAYONS

Prep

Go through your big bucket of crayons and pull out all of the broken or paperless peices first. You can also use a new pack if you need more crayons. Make sure to remove ALL the paper wrappers and chop them up into small pieces. Divide them by color or mix them up for a more colorful look!

Setup

You can place these crayons right into a muffin pan. If you have a non-stick pan, the crayons actually pop right out cleanly, without a paper liner or anything. It's always best to use a pan that you don't use for cooking. But if you don't have another, try spraying your pan with non-stick spray as well as using paper/cupcake liners. Pans without a non-stick finish might leave some waxy residue. Using paper or foil liners gives the crayons a slightly more matte finish, whereas putting them straight in a pan usually yields a shinier crayon.

Try silicone molds for fun shapes! Be aware that the crayons will leave a residue on silicone, so use ones you don't mind dedicating to crafts. If using silicone molds, make sure to place on top of a foil lined cookie sheet when you put them in the oven; this is important!

Baking

After your pans/molds are full, just place in the oven. Let them bake until the top layer is mostly melted and smooth. It can take anywhere from 10-20 minutes at about 250 degrees so just keep an eye on it. Baking time depends on how full they are, the brand of crayons, and more. Carefully remove the pan and let the crayons cool completely, overnight is best, before removing them. Placing the pan in the fridge or freezer helps. After they're cooled, pop them out.