



# How to Fix a Tunneling Candle

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# INTRODUCTION

Candle tunneling occurs when only the center of the candle, around the wick, is melted and burnt down, which makes it harder and harder to light the candle each time. This can cause many people to throw away their candle that still has wax inside. To save money on candles and to help the environment, you can follow this guide to learn how to fix candle tunneling. Make sure to use oven mitts when handling hot water and melted candle wax through the guide.

Once your repair is finished, you must burn your candle all the way to the edges of the jar to avoid candle tunneling.



## TOOLS:

- [Pot](#) (1)
- [Soft Sponge](#) (1)
- [Dish Soap](#) (1)
- [Coffee Stir Stick](#) (1)
- [Scotch tape](#) (1)
- [Tweezers](#) (1)
- [Utility Scissors](#) (1)
- [Oven Mitts](#) (1)
- [Bowl](#) (1)
- [saucepan](#) (1)



## PARTS:

- [Candle Wick](#) (1)

## Step 1 — How to Fix a Tunneling Candle



- Fill any kind of dish with hot water.
- Add any brand of dish soap or hand soap to the water.
- Mix the soap with water using a spoon.

## Step 2



- Place the candle inside the mix of water and soap.
- Let the jar soak inside the pot.
- ⓘ Make sure the area on the jar that has a label is completely soaked.
- After 5 to 10 minutes, remove the candle from the dish.

### Step 3



- Use a sponge to wash and remove the label from the jar.
- ❗ Removing the label helps you have a cleaner fix as it prevents the label from peeling off inside the boiling water and damaging your pot in future steps.

### Step 4



- Fill another pot with water and place it on the stove.
- Turn the stove to high heat.
- Wait until the water is simmering.



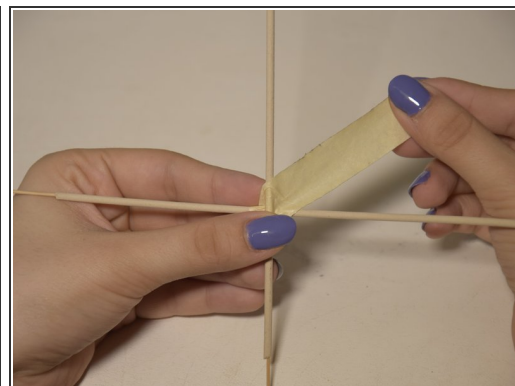
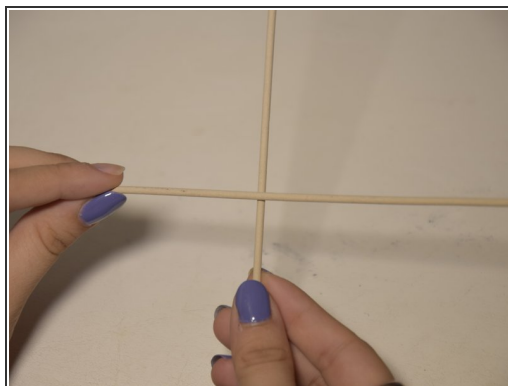
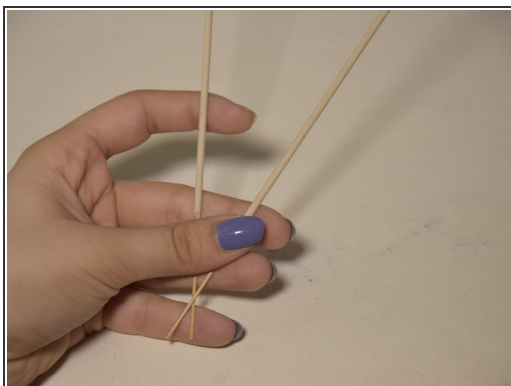
## Step 5



⚠ Use oven mitts to place the candle inside the pot.

- Wait 15 to 30 minutes for the wax to be fully melted.

## Step 6



- While waiting for the wax to melt, grab two coffee stir sticks or similar objects, and tape them into a cross.

*i* In this guide, I am using incense sticks.

## Step 7



**⚠ Take the candle out of the pot using oven mitts.**

- Place the melted candle on a flat surface.
- Remember to turn off the stove.

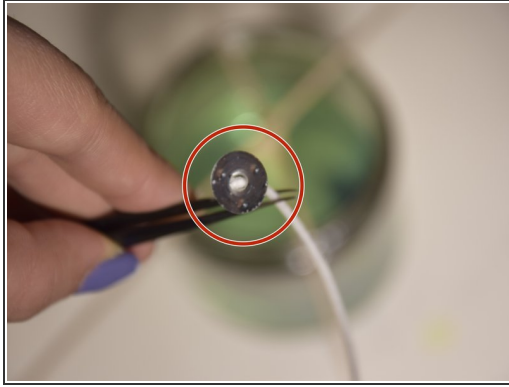
## Step 8



- Use a pair of tweezers to grab and pull out the burnt wick of the candle.

**⚠ Do not touch the hot wax with your fingers; use tweezers.**

## Step 9



- Place the cross that you made from the sticks on the edges of the candle jar.
- Insert two new candle wicks inside the wax from the metal side.
- ⓘ Make sure the wicks are not close together.
- Twist the wick around the sticks to prevent them from moving.

## Step 10



- Wait for the wax to harden and remove the sticks.
- Trim the candle wick to 1/4 inch.
- You have fixed your tunneling candle.