

Tutorial: Noble tea light cubes with concrete & leaf metal

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With only little effort you can make shiny Christmas lights from simple tea light cubes. The noble effect results from the combination of concrete effect and Leaf metal.

And it's that easy:

The VBS Tea light cubes consist of untreated raw wood. The clear surface of the cubes is ideal for priming with paint. For this handicraft idea, concrete effect paste was chosen for the primer. With a small sponge, it is particularly easy to distribute the paint evenly on the surface of the cube by dabbing. As soon as the primer is dry, Leaf metal can be applied.

How do I work with Leaf metal?

Leaf metal are wafer-thin metal foils or flakes. The areas of a painting ground or in this case the tea light cubes, which are to be covered with Leaf metal, are first painted with Gold leaf priming milk. Then, Leaf metal is applied to the wet surface using a napkin brush. After the Gold leaf priming milk is dry, excess Leaf metal-particles can be easily removed from the design surface with the Bristle brushes. It is recommended to catch the remaining Leaf metal with a Handicraft mat. Even small flakes can still be used well later.

With hot glue or Handicraft glue the tea light cubes can now be decorated with further with small stars and Jute ribbon.

Extra handicraft tip:

For the drying process when priming an object or when working with Gold leaf priming milk you can gladly use a hot air dryer.

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
517157	Concrete effect set, 8 pcs.	1
570176	Kreul Gold leaf priming milk, pasty, 50 ml	1
570183-01	VBS Leaf metal, 40 sheetsGold coloured	1
550505-06	VBS Bristle brushes "NATURE"Size 06	1
120340	VBS Napkin brush/Decoupage brush	1
695947	VBS Tealight holder "Cube", 15 pieces	1