

# Romantic Teacup Lamp



Select a cup, saucer, and florals to suit your individual taste, then embellish with personal touches to create a one-of-a-kind accent lamp for bathroom, den, kitchen or any room of the house!

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**Project notes:** Inexpensive teacups and saucers may be found at flea markets, garage sales or thrift stores. A mismatched cup and saucer as well as tiny nicks and cracks only add charm to this design.

Choose a cup with an opening larger on the inside of the cup than the base of the candle lamp.

A cup with flat edges around outside rim is best suited for adhering to saucer.

Test candle lamp to ensure it is in proper working order before permanently adhering to inside of cup.

For assorted embellishments, look through Grandma's button box and sewing basket for thread spools, old buttons, appliqués, etc.

A package of assorted mini thread spools may also be purchased at many discount stores.

A small bird perched on the cup handle with some Spanish moss and a couple bird eggs tucked in the floral arrangement would also be a nice touch.

If you are feeling especially creative, you may enjoy stenciling or painting a floral design on the lamp shade, or adding dried, pressed flowers.

**Crafting time:** Approximately 1½–2½ hours or less, depending on skill level.

## MATERIALS

- Teacup and saucer
- Electric candle lamp
- Candle lamp shade
- Fiberfill
- ¼ yard tulle netting in desired coordinating color
- 5–6 varied silk/paper floral and berry picks
- Lacy handkerchief, doily or ¼ yard wide lace
- Assorted embellishments
- Wire cutters
- Hot-glue gun

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash teacup in warm, soapy water to remove aged soil/residue, especially from bottom of cup rim, inside bottom of cup top

of saucer where surfaces will be glued; rinse and dry thoroughly.

2. Glue bottom of cup in center of saucer with handle on right-hand side.

3. Remove covering and any residue on bottom of candle lamp; glue bottom of candle lamp to center bottom inside cup, making sure cord is centered in back. Apply a generous amount of glue around top of candle base inside cup to reinforce. **Note:** *Use caution when working around cord, and do not glue cord to cup.*

4. Place fiberfill in cup around lamp to 1" from top, adhering to sides and bottom of cup with glue.

5. Cut four 5" squares of tulle netting. Find center of each square and twist; glue twisted tulle squares evenly spaced around inside of cup, allowing tulle to extend approximately 1½"–2" above top of cup.

6. Tack handkerchief, lace or doily to saucer with glue, beginning at right-hand side below cup handle and draping over edge of saucer on front.

7. Using photo as a guide, cut apart and arrange silk/paper floral and berry sprays over handkerchief and inside teacup around candle lamp, reserving some for lamp shade. Glue in place.

8. Cut a 10" x 1" strip of tulle netting; tie in a bow around cup handle, trimming ends as desired. Arrange assorted embellishments and glue on as desired.

9. For lamp shade, cut another 5" square of tulle netting; twist center of square as in step 5. Arrange remaining silk/paper flowers and berries in a cluster to complement arrangements on cup and saucer; glue to shade with twisted tulle square, as shown in photo. Place shade on lamp. 