

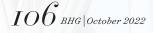
With their bold colors and shapely designs, these candles could double as sculptures. Striking when arranged in a group, they'll make an instant statement that leaves only one question: to burn or not to burn?

On Exhibit Use a pillar holder or nonflammable pedestal for short candles to elevate the drama.

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From left: ① Josee pillars in Sage, \$34 (medium), and Sangria, \$33 (tall); greentreehomecandle.com ② A quirky twist on the traditional taper. Wave Taper Candles in Pink and Pale Blue, \$12 for set of two (one color); urbanoutfitters.com ③ Templo Candle Sculpture in Ash Green by Octaevo, \$38; gretelhome.com
Geo Shaped Wax Candle in Rust, \$16; urbanoutfitters.com ⑤ Its small size works anywhere. Knot Shaped Soy Wax Candle in Blue, \$20; yuibrooklyn.com

Colorful stacked Pillar candles by Dutch designer Lex Pott, \$45 (small), and \$55 (medium); us.hay.com 7 Flip over the glass holder, pop the cork, and grab a match. Match Cloche in Violet, \$36 (also available for fireplace matches); skeemshop.com 3 These candles' geometric lines are particularly eye-catching in varying heights and styles. Totem Candles by Grain in Forest, \$24 (large); Moss, \$16 (small); and Terracotta, \$20 (medium); areaware.com. (All candles shown are unscented.)



Styling Trick Even if you don't plan to burn the candle, light the wick briefly to blacken it. That gives the candle a more purposeful appearance.

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## Still Life

Display candles with accessories like a match holder, wick trimmer, and/or a snuffer to create a mini vignette.

## CANDLE CARE 101

To get the longest life out of your candles, trim the wick. A short, straight wick (about ¼ inch long) helps a candle burn slowly and evenly. For safety, always trim the wick after the candle has cooled and make sure to discard the excess. Another tip: Keep candles away from vents, windows, or drafty areas so the flame stays controlled and burns the wax straight down.