



How to Make Air Freshener Gel From Water Crystals

This is the item that rings our phones off the hooks. Many people **enjoy making their own creations** with the Mabel White water gel crystals. One ounce of these crystals make a gallon of air freshener base! So, from an economic standpoint it is the cheapest base to use when making air fresheners. It is also the most simple technique as it requires no heat. We recommend air freshener's with these crystals be made in one of three ways: **bright, pastel** or **with embeds only if pressed against the side of the glass**. Embeds are hard to see if placed in the middle because the fragrance and crystals tend to cloud them. We find the most attractive air freshener arrangements are those where silk flowers are pressed against the glass. For example, we like to place silk pansies up against the container wall and to use clear crystals, adding only fragrance and no color to the water crystal mixture.

If using a mason jar we top the jar off with lace cut in an 8" Diameter or any other pretty type of ventilation. We use the ring of the mason jar to screw the lace on tight. These creations last about 6 weeks and then we would scoop out the top half (if it has not already shrunk down half way) and **replace it with more fragranced gel**. We try to leave the design at the bottom alone. **When ordering Mabel's water crystals be sure to buy the ceramic light bulb rings to drop your left over fragrance oil! Water Crystals can be purchased at the [Mabel White Supply Company](#) by calling 866-358-LOVE.**

Water Crystal Air Fresheners can have embeds such a silk pansies but only if you hold the silk flowers up against the wall of the jar as you pour the crystals in because the crystals in the backdrop will make things cloudy. Embeds such as silk flowers will be clear if pressed against the wall of the glass and this can be done by using either a thin bamboo stick or your fingers.

We prefer to simply use water colored with food coloring, not oil based, if we desire to achieve color and are not using embeds. We tend to prefer bright colors such as orange for Mango and Pink for Rose and Purple for Lavender. Fragrance should also be water based if possible but not a must.





How to?

- 1) **Get your containers ready that you intend to use.**
- 2) Add 2 tsp of crystals to 5 cups of water or food colored water and ½ ounce to 1 ounce of fragrance. Crystals absorb up to 400 times their weight in water.
- 3) Wait about 30 minutes and they will expand into gel like crystals that look beautiful in any glass container.
- 4) Note: using hot water does not speed the absorption process up.
- 5) Pour your mixture into the containers holding any objects against the side wall with a thin bamboo stick if necessary.
- 6) Place an 8" Diameter piece of lace over the top of the jar and secure down with a mason type ring for attractive ventilation.

Our designs seem to last 6 weeks and when they seem to shrink down we simply add more fragranced gel to the top if we are trying to spare our creation. Water Crystals can also be used as bedding for floating candles, votives or even fresh cut flowers. 3 of our droppers that appear half way full with normal suction, equal ¼ ounce of fragrance oil.

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