



# YARN-WRAPPED BOTTLES



## LEVEL

Easy

## CATEGORY

Décor

## TIME

4 to 6 hours

## WHEN TO START

3 to 4 weeks before the wedding

## GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL

Group; have each person work on wrapping 2 to 4 bottles.

## BUDGET

\$20 to \$30

A bit of yarn in your color palette transforms plain glass bottles and jars into pretty accent pieces. Start with vintage milk bottles or recycled jam jars, or pick up some Ball jars in clear or blue shades. Coil yarn around all or some of the jar, or experiment with adding a bow. Avoid round jars or vases: although a slight curve or a tapered bottleneck is not too difficult to cover, a fishbowl shape can be tricky.

## MATERIALS

*Makes 12 jars*

- 12 glass jars or bottles (we recommend milk bottles or Ball jars in different sizes)
- 1 to 3 skeins of yarn in complementary colors (go with chunky yarn for a more homespun look)

## TOOLS

- Double-sided tape
- Scissors

## HOW TO

### 1. Apply tape to curved areas.

Apply double-sided tape evenly over any curved portions of the bottle that you'd like to cover with yarn, such as the curved neck of the milk bottle; this will hold the yarn in place, making an easier job of wrapping as well as a neater-looking result.

### 2. Wrap the bottle.

Starting with the lip or base of the bottle, attach the end of your yarn to the bottle with a small piece of double-sided tape, slightly below (if starting from the lip) or above (if starting from the base) where you want the yarn coil to begin. Begin wrapping the yarn around the bottle, wrapping over the loose end and making tight, even coils that follow the profile of the bottle. When you are about 1/2 inch from where you want to stop wrapping, apply a small piece of

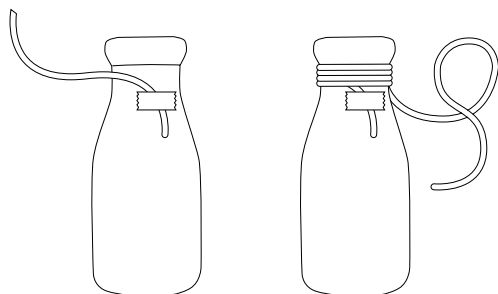
double-sided tape to your intended stopping point, wrap to there, trim the yarn, and smooth the loose end down onto the tape to hide it.

### 3. Add a bow (optional).

To add a bow, begin wrapping from the base of the bottle (or wherever you want the yarn coils to begin). When you reach the spot where you would like to place your bow, apply a bit of double-sided tape to that spot and press the yarn down to secure it. Measure about 10 inches of yarn, and then trim it so that the end hangs loose. This will be the first half of your bow. Starting with a new piece of yarn, begin wrapping from the lip of the bottle. Stop when you reach the first half of your bow. Apply a bit of double-sided tape just to the right of it, and press the yarn down to secure. Measure about 10 inches of yarn, and trim. This will be the second half of your bow (*figure 1*). Tie the two loose ends together in a bow. Trim the ends with scissors.

## VARIATIONS

- **Happy Graphic:** Use fat yarn in red and other primary colors.
- **Organic Minimal:** Use thin yarns in whites, grays, sea foam, or khaki. Wrap the bottles in an arbitrary crisscross pattern to create an organic, Japanese-inspired look.



*figure 1*