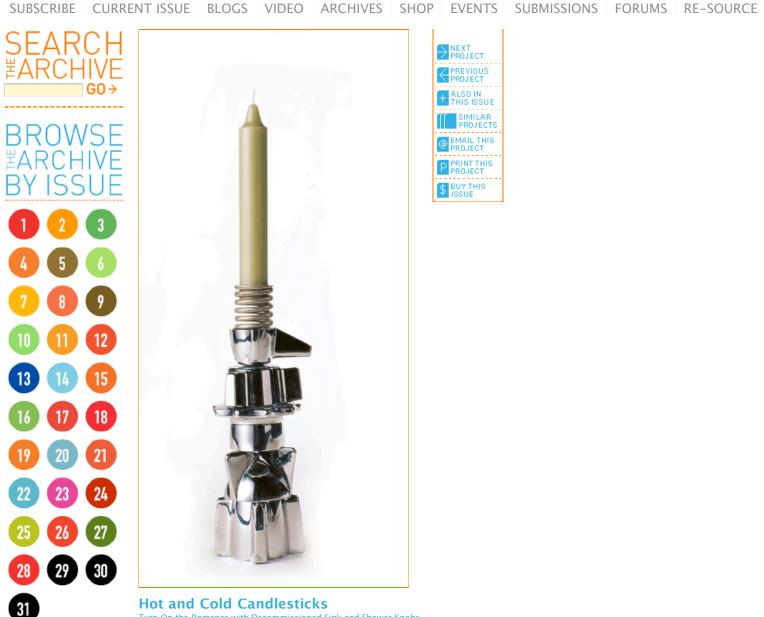


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Turn On the Romance with Decommissioned Sink and Shower Knobs. by Paul Schifino illustration Bill Evans

During one of my usual trips to the scrap yard, I noticed a bucket of old shower knobs. I was amazed at how many perfectly good ones had fallen out of commission. (I'm easily amazed.) So I bought them. Like a preschooler with blocks, I started stacking them up. (I'm a little on the arrested development side, too.) In a flash of light, I saw a candlestick for the bathroom. I ran out to the hardware store to get a few more supplies, and the whole thing was finished in just five minutes. Total cost? About \$1. I thought, Hey, this would make a romantic gift, candlelight and all. (You guessed it, I'm also a little cheap.)

Hot and Cold Candlesticks	MAKEIIT 1. Wash the knobs thoroug pad to remove corrosion. R dishwasher cycle isn't a bad
INGREDIENTS	make sure they are all meta
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knobs (these can be obtained at any scrap yard, or ask a plumber) 2 rubber washers	2. Stack the knobs. Make s top is free of mineral depos upside down.
6" bolt and nut combination (be sure	3. Pull the washer over the
the rod fits through the holes in all of the shower knobs)	4. Thread the bolt and wash knobs from top to bottom.
Industrial spring (optional)	5. Pull the second washer o the nut for a snug fit.
TOOLS	
PliersScrewdriver	6. Use pliers to hold the nu the bolt with a screwdriver.

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ut firmly in place and tighten the bolt with a screwdriver.

7. Salvaged knobs come in different sizes. Use them to make holders for votives, tea lights, or a set of long tapers. This is where the spring comes in. For thin tapers, use the spring for a snug fit.

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