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### CEPHALOPOD LOVE



Every once in a while you come across a product that seems almost too perfect—where, spookily, the inventors seem to have invaded your head and created the exact thing you always wanted to make but never had the entrepreneurial drive to think up yourself.

- 1) This [Blue Lotus Wild Grass candle](#) is made by Joya—which, to my mind, is the best, coolest, chicest, New York-iest organic soy wax candle company ever; go into any sleek home-design boutique in the Lower East Side or Brooklyn, and chances are a Joya candle is burning next to the register. Check out [the website](#).
- 2) The candle's matte black, dodecahedron-y container is slipcast in porcelain by ceramicist/artist/plate designer [Sarah Cihat](#), who's kind of a New York genius in her own right (I'm personally fond of her "[rehabilitated dishware](#)"). After the candle's done (after 75 hours), you can repurpose the container as a squat little vase for flowers—or as a serving bowl for almonds, or pistachios, or wasabi peas.
- 3) The candle has an octopus embossed on it.
- 4) An OCTOPUS.
- 5) The scent is remarkably like the Gap's wonderful, long-ago-discontinued Grass perfume; though the ghost of my 15 year-old self hates to admit it, this version is actually ... even better. Do other people re-purpose their candle containers?

—Cristina Mueller, senior beauty editor

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Yep - I sure do re-purpose candle holders. I love the look of flowers in unexpected containers.

These candles are gorgeous - I must investigate further!

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i love the packaging and design--wish i could smell it... i reuse my candle holders--love the little tin travel cans for little miscellaneous items... every now and then i'll put some fresh flowers in my glass or porcelain ones if they look any good

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