

Come on Baby, Light My Candle

Environmentally friendly candles are also a skin moisturizer

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What do crème brulee, gardenias and [Havana](#) nights have in common?

Could be a romantic dinner in [Miami](#) somewhere.

But in this case, the three are fragrances from [SOY Delicious Moisturizing Candles](#).

The environmentally safe novelty items are the brainchild of local ex-school teachers and childhood BFFs [Georgette Hoyo](#) and [Maggie Maceiras](#).

“We both love candles and bought them everywhere we went, but we didn’t find too many that were environmentally friendly or actually filled up the room with aroma,” said [Maceiras](#). “We thought it would be a great idea to make our own.”

[Hoyo](#) and [Maceiras](#), both 37, did just that in their kitchens three years ago.

Today, their [candles](#) are manufactured locally and are made out of 100 percent soy.

Their [18 scents](#) sell everywhere from Gardener’s Market in Pinecrest to Pink Blush boutique on Bird Road, as well as [on their website](#).

Popular candles include Tropical Paradise, [Tahitian Orchid](#), Peace of Mind and Fresh Linen.

Aside from being a candle, they can also be used as a [moisturizer](#) to soften callous skin.

[Maceiras](#) said soy contains Vitamin E and antioxidant properties.

“You can dip your finger or a spoon and rub the soy on your cuticles, hands, feet and elbows,” said [Maceiras](#). “It’s not hot.”

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