



CANDLE CREATION

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Candle Making Instructions

For best results read instructions carefully before starting. Melted wax can cause burns. Wax is flammable (flash point is about 108°C). Adult supervision recommended.

What You Need

Ingredients: Wax, Stearine, Wick, Colour, optional Fragrance (wax compatible)

Tools: Mould (commercial or Milk Carton, Soft Drink Can, PVC pipe with cap, etc.), Funnel, a Thermometer, Masking Tape, Clamps: strong bulldog/foldback clips if possible, or as a substitute, clothes pegs.



Prepare Mould (commercial 2-piece only)

1) CUT **mould** into two halves. TRIM **excess** material off. Leave about 10mm around edge of mould and around **Locator Pins/Holes**. (**CAUTION: do not cut off the Locators, these align the mould.**)



2) CUT a **fill hole** in bottom of mould, big enough for a small funnel.

3) TIE a **knot** in the WICK (needs to be untied later). PLACE wick between the two mould halves with the knot on the outside of mould. (The knot is to stop leaking. Blu-Tac on top of knot helps.) CLAMP wick tight with a clip or clothes peg.



4) CLAMP **mould** tight with clips or pegs. SEAL **edges** with masking tape.



5) PLACE **mould** in a box of wet sand or similar.

Melt Wax

- 1) HEAT **wax** to 70°C or until it melts, over a slow heat in a saucepan or double boiler. (Do not over heat: wax will ignite at 108°C, and excessive heat may damage mould). Small chunks or granules melt faster.
- 2) Mix in **stearine** (prevents wax from sticking to mould). The ratio is: 90% wax (by weight) to 10% stearine.
- 3) Add colour. Colour is strong. About 250g will colour 25 kg of wax! Add about 1.5ml of fragrance per kg of wax, and mix well.

Mould Candle

- 1) POUR **hot water** into mould, drain and dry (prepares mould for hot wax).
- 2) POUR **melted wax** into mould. Pour slowly to avoid air bubbles. As wax sets it may shrink. There may be a depression down the centre of the candle. (If depression is not visible, use a metal skewer or similar to break through the crust.) Pour in more melted wax to top up.

Remove from Mould

- 1) When the wax has **completely set**, REMOVE from mould.
- 2) SMOOTH the moulding **seam** with a knife.
- 3) UNTIE **knot** in wick. TRIM excess wick at base.
- 4) FLATTEN **candle base** by TRIMMING or MELTING SLIGHTLY against a warm, flat SURFACE.

Well done!

