

CANDLE

Creations



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ON MAKING UNIQUE
CANDLES LIKE THESE.
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Candle Making

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BEE'S KNEES

Sell, gift or keep? Whatever you choose, there's no denying that beeswax candles made in tins and decorated with pretty paper elevate an otherwise ordinary DIY. **Did you know?** *Beeswax is natural, burns longer and cleaner than other waxes, and has an inviting honey scent.*



LAND OF PLENTY

The grocery list for these kitchen candles is pleasantly short. **Milk:** soy wax, glass milk bottle, wick, twine and tag. **Honey:** gel wax, candle dye squares, glass jar, wick, spoon, twine and tag. **Note:** *Wax-coated wicks can turn gel wax cloudy, so go for the plain braided variety.*



Use wick tabs and wick-centering clips to keep things in place while pouring and cooling.

ROCKIN' IT

We've got the perfect succulent-candle sidekick. Melt a mixture of 55 percent paraffin wax and 45 percent coconut/beeswax blend, throwing in crayons and sand for color and texture. When mostly cool, form the wax into rock shapes, and pierce through the middles to add wicks.



1. CREATE A MOLD

Mold putty + faux succulent = custom candle mold! Make it in two parts, covering the edges of the first (cured) half with petroleum jelly to prevent the second half's molding compound from sticking to it as you work to create a snug fit. **Don't forget:** Leave an opening in the top half for placing the wick and pouring the wax.

2. FINISH UP

Once you've removed your candle from the mold, you can smooth out seam lines with a heat gun and add detailing with a candle paint pen. **Did you know?** Paraffin is a hard wax made from petroleum that works beautifully with molded, freestanding candles like these.

COLOR ME IMPRESSED

If a crayon box aspires to be anything, it's this candle. How to: Melt paraffin wax, separate into disposable containers, and add bits of crayon (or dye squares) to each. Once cool, cut into chunks and layer inside candle mold (don't forget the wick!).

Then fill mold with additional undyed wax.



TO THE WAX

No wicks required for these candle-warmer gems. Just geode molds from our soap-making section, paraffin wax beads, crayons for color, and those ever-important fragrances. Oh, and you can't forget the gold glitter! That's key.



PERFECT FOR HUE

Custom-colored candles, coming right up. Simply mix candle dye squares or crayons into melted paraffin wax, remembering that the color will darken as the wax cools. Next, place your wick and use plastic mold sealer around the silicone mold's wick opening to prevent leaks. Now pour!



Wax tends to shrink as it cools, so reserve some to top off your mold after the first pour.

SHAVE THE DAY

Want to avoid the double boiler today? Try this: Use a heat gun to partially melt dye squares into paraffin wax shavings and layer them with glitter in a tall votive. Then place your candle in a 200-degree oven for about one minute to slightly meld the layers and enhance the color.



MAKING THE CUT

This one's for you, star gazers. Mix glitter and mica powders into batches of paraffin wax, then pour and swirl the waxes together on a small, lipped pan lined with parchment paper (wax should be 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick). When the wax is set but still warm, use a tiny cookie cutter to punch out enough stars to fill a glass container. P.S. We used a wood wick for this one.

COMIN' UP ROSES

Bring that flower-garden mood indoors with a rose-scented, petal-infused DIY candle. (Find both the fragrance and the rose petals in our soap- and candle-making sections.) FYI: You'll need about two cups of paraffin wax and a 4 1/2-inch-diameter candle mold.



BEACH VIBES

Sometimes candle molds come in unexpected forms, like cookie cutters! We put ours on a parchment-lined cookie sheet and filled them with dyed paraffin wax—the candles slip right out when set.

Tip: Use candle paint pens for the finishing touches.



SUBTLE SEASCAPES

A little dye goes a long way in paraffin wax, so we dropped just a hint of blue into the wax for our votives. Once those are set, you can nestle them into a glass container full of tiny seashells and ever so carefully pour in undyed paraffin wax to bring it all together.



ALL STACKED UP

It's never been hipper to be square. Melt one part beeswax with two parts paraffin wax and pour the mixture onto a parchment-lined cookie sheet. When the wax is set but still warm, cut it with cookie cutters and poke holes in the middles. When cool, thread the pieces onto wicks.



NATURAL BEAUTY

Credit for our candle's intricate detailing goes to palm wax; when melted and cooled, it naturally takes on this frosted, quartz-like effect. We found that melting the wax to 195 degrees in a double boiler and pouring it into a warmed, aluminum candle mold yielded great results.



Important: *Never leave lit candles unattended. Use only on non-flammable, heat-proof surfaces.*