

# Candles

## BY DESIGN



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IDEAS TO SPARK  
CANDLE-MAKING CREATIVITY!

*Remember: Don't leave burning candles unattended.*

## CONE TONES

Palm wax cures to a crystalized finish—that's how these vibrant cone candles get their unique look. By the way, we used a paper mold for this project. Keep scrolling for more info.



## ECLECTIC EMBERS

Try experimenting with layering wax (and wax shapes) to create one-of-a-kind looks like these.

***Tip:** We tinted these candles with crayons—just melted them into the wax.*

## BEYOND THE MOLD

Create abstract candles from individual wax pieces stacked together. Just pour dyed wax into a cookie sheet then cut out shapes with clay cutters before it completely cools. Poke a hole in the middle of each shape to accommodate the wick, thread the shapes onto the wick, and secure them with wax.



## BOLD MOLD

Shape heavyweight paper (we used metallic paper because it doesn't crinkle) into a cone to make a mold for candles like these. Be sure to tape the mold liberally so no wax leaks out and trim the tip to accommodate a wick.



**Tip:** Cut a hole in a cardboard box, then insert the cone upside down to let the wax set—just remember to seal the pointed end.





## FOR WOOD MEASURE

Container candles are an easy way to step into the candle-making world—all you need are wax, a wick and a heat-proof vessel (these candle holders are from the Home Décor department).



## FIRESIDE FLICKERS ▲

Wood wicks offer a fireplace crackle and produce a stronger scent than cotton wicks. Plus, they burn at a slower rate and with less soot. We poured these candles into candle holders from our Home Décor department and embellished them with cording, wood shapes and charms.

## DOUBLE DIP ▼

How to make multiple taper candles at once:  
Tie 10" lengths of wick to a wood dowel, spacing them so that they fit inside the container you're using. Trim the wicks so they don't touch the bottom when they're fully immersed—this helps to keep the candles straight.







## FLOATING FLOWERS

Soy wax won't form a divot as it cools, which means these mini paraffin wax flowers will sit flush on top of the wax. Form the flowers with a candy mold (baking aisle), then use a heated needle to poke a hole in the middle for the wick.

## TAPER ROUTE


Try adding dipped candles to your DIY repertoire—just alternate placing wicks in wax and then water until you're happy with the thickness. Twisted tapers: Flatten a still-warm candle. Then dip it into wax for malleability, twist it, and submerge it in cold water.



## PIECE OF CAKE

These beeswax melts look *and* smell delicious thanks to a mini Bundt cake silicone mold (found on the baking aisle) and drops of sweet-scented fragrance oils. The icing is soy wax that's dyed white and drizzled on with a needle-tip applicator bottle.

**On the cover:** Fill the bottom of a mold with prepared stepping stone mix and let it set overnight. Then mix gold leaf into melted wax and pour it into the remaining mold space.

Three lit candles with a woodgrain insert at the base, set against a background of greenery and pine needles. The candles are white with a dark, textured woodgrain band at the bottom. The flames are bright yellow and orange.

Secure wicks with adhesive dots that are specially made for candles.

## WOOD VIBES ONLY

Use a woodgrain insert inside a mold for candles like these (cut down the insert if you only want the design on a portion of the candle). Then paint the woodgrain after removing the candle.

**Tip:** When you're using a mold, try paraffin wax—it shrinks slightly when it cools, so it slides out easier.

Three lit candles with abstract shapes, set against a background of a wooden surface and a metal tray. The candles are white with abstract shapes in blue, orange, and red. The flames are bright yellow and orange.

## FREEFORM FLAMES

You can make a flexible mold from heavyweight paper—it's a great way to create abstract-shaped candles like these. Just bend the paper into the shape you want, and seal the bottom to a cookie sheet with hot glue to keep the wax in.





## SCENT IN STONE

These 8-ounce tins are made especially for candles, and they're easy to embellish with DIY labels. Get this look by placing a mosaic gemstone onto the cooled candle and pouring in a thin layer of melted wax to secure it.



## BEE-UTIFUL SCENTS

Beeswax candles have a longer (and soot-free!) burn than other candles—and best of all, the wax pulls toxins from the air. Get this look by lining a mold with a honeycomb candle insert before pouring the wax in.

## GARDEN AGLOW

You have a couple of great options for tinting candles: liquid dyes and dye squares. A little goes a long way when it comes to the liquid dye, while the squares offer more controlled coloring.

*Tip: The flowers were stenciled on with acrylic paint.*