

Deluxe Candle Making Kit

Welcome

This kit contains everything you need (except standard kitchen equipment) to make 10 votive sized candles with up to 15 hours burn time each.

We hope you have fun creating your own candles whether to give to someone else or to enjoy yourself. Please let us know how you get on, what you learn and any ideas you might have at peta@makingyourowncandles.co.uk.

Remember, when you've created your first 10 candles, you can buy a refill kit so you can make another 10 in any of our available flavours.

Take Care

Making candles involves heat so you need to be careful. This kit is not suitable for young children and any under 18s should be carefully supervised. The metal moulds have sharp lips so take special care handling them.

Wax should never be heated over a naked flame or it might ignite. Never leave melting wax unattended and take great care when handling molten wax.

When you come to burning your candles, make sure you do so in a suitable container (such as the glass votive holders supplied by us) on a flat surface and never leave them unattended.

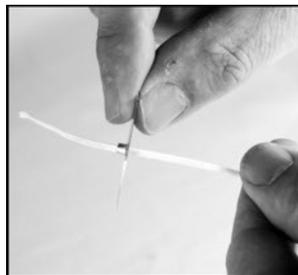
What you will need to make two votive candles

- 90g paraffin wax
- 10g beeswax
- Approx 15 cm (two finger lengths) wick
- 2 wick tabs
- 2 wick pins
- Bluetack
- 1g dye (optional and varies according to required colour depth)
- 5 ml scent (optional and varies according to the strength of scent)
- Thermometer

You also need two saucepans (one large, one small). These can be old or cheap but mustn't be used subsequently for food. Finally, you'll need scissors, kitchen scales and, ideally, a set of pliers.

Instructions

1. Fill your larger saucepan to a third of its volume with water and bring it to the boil.
2. In the meantime, cut your wick in half and thread each through the bottom of a Self Centering tab (see illustration), leaving only a millimetre or two of the wick showing underneath.
3. Using pliers or (very carefully) scissors, pinch the collar of the tab to fix the wick in place and then trim it.
4. Repeat this with the other wick.



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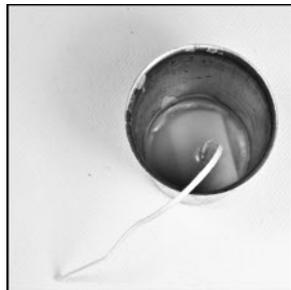
Heat your wax

5. Measure 90g of paraffin wax and 10g of beeswax, mix them together and put them in the small saucepan.
6. Once the large saucepan has begun to simmer, place the small saucepan inside it so that the wax inside it can begin to melt. Stir continuously.
7. Once the wax has fully melted, add 1g of dye and stir until it melts.
8. Using your pipette, measure out 5ml of oil and add it to the melted wax.
9. Using your thermometer, wait until the temperature reaches 80c before pouring.



First pour

10. Pour a small amount in the bottom of both moulds. No more than half a centimetre (0.25 inch). Turn off the heat.
11. Drop the wick-ed tabs into the bottom of each mould and leave for 10 minutes or so to set fully.



Second pour

12. Reheat the wax until it's fully melted.
13. Pour into each mould until it's around 80% full.

Straighten the wicks

13. We now need to make sure the wicks in the final candles will be straight. To do this, take your wick pin and lay it across the middle of the mould's lip. Fold the wick over the wick pin and fix it to the side of the mould with a blob of blutack.
14. Leave for an hour to harden.



Third pour

15. The wax will have dropped in the centre causing a conical shape. Heat the remaining wax up and pour it into the mould to fill the cone. Do not overfill: leave a couple of millimetres gap between the top of the candle and the top of the mould.
16. Leave the candle to set for at least 4 hours. Turn it upside down and tap the base to release the candle. Enjoy!

Variation

If you want to make a two colour candle simply halve the quantities and make the colour you want to appear at the bottom first, following the steps up to 13 but only half filling. Then, warm up a new batch of wax with your other dye in and pour on top (steps 13-16)

If you've enjoyed making your candles, remember that you can order a refill kit in any flavour to go with your candlemaking kit. That way, you can make another 10 candles of your choice.

Remember to make sure you're signed up to our mailing list for regular tips and promotions and exclusive offers: www.makingyourcandles.co.uk