




# Candle Making

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- Candle making started in the colonial times
  - People used them to see because they had no electricity
  - The candles were also used for gifts
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# How to make candles

Before you get started, make sure you have all containers needed and the type of wick you will be using.

Melt wax in a boil bag or a double boiler may work too.

Use a wax or candy thermometer with a range of 120-250°F

Observe wax temperature periodically as it melts.





# How to make candles continued

Once wax is melted, add fragrance, dye, and other additives if required.

Blend wax and additives gently with wooden or metal spoon.


Pour wax carefully into mold, jar, or preferred container.

Allow wax to harden in container without moving or tipping container.





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- Fans may be used to help cool wax faster.
  - Be sure to adjust wick if it becomes off-center.
  - Fill any voids in top of candle with excess wax.
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# Facts on Candles

The candle probably evolved from wood, rushes, or cords dipped in fat or pitch.

By the Middle Ages candles (tallow for the poor and wax for the wealthier) were quite common in Europe.

Tallow, beeswax, and vegetable wax such as bayberry in the American colonies, candleberry in the East, and waxberry in South America were supplemented by spermaceti in the late 18th century.





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Candles were commonly made by repeated dipping in melted tallow, by pouring tallow or wax into molds, or by pouring beeswax over the wicks.

Most modern candles are machine-made by a molding process

In literature, art, and religion the candle has had a wide range of symbolism; it commonly represents joy, reverence for the divine, and sacrifice



# Pictures of me making a candle

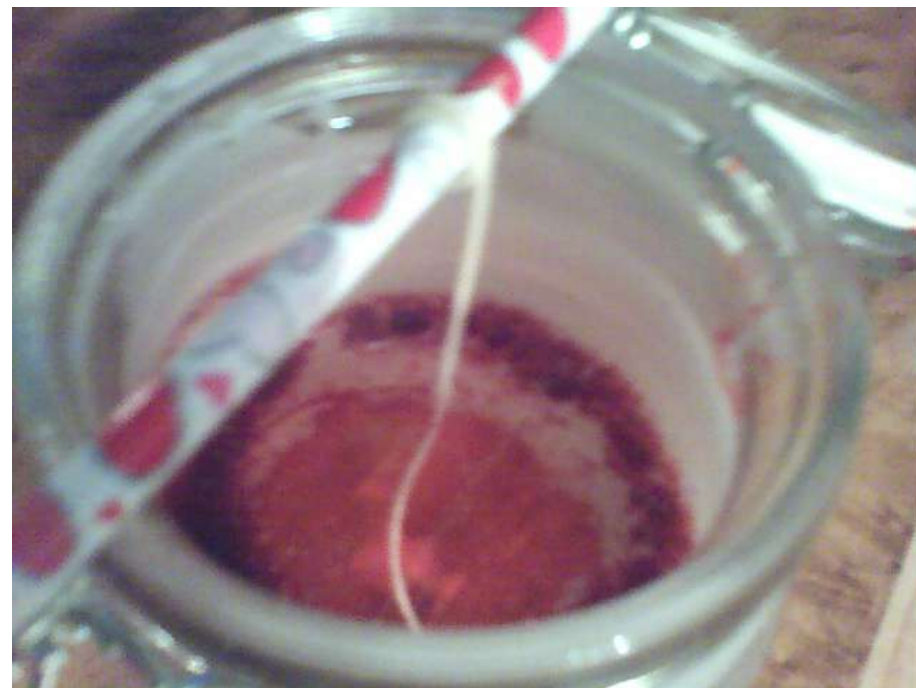




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# Interesting facts on candles


- The Candle industry is growing; more so because of our society's stressful lives and everyone's quest for relief.
  - Candles are used in 7 out of 10 U.S. households. The majority of consumers also burn candles between 1-3 times per week, with half of these consumers burning 1-2 candles at a time.
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# Interesting Facts

Consumers say they typically burn candles for just under 3 hours. 9 out of 10 candle users say they use candles to make a room feel comfortable and cozy.

Candle purchasers view candles as an appropriate gift for the holidays (76%), house-warming gifts (74%), a hostess/dinner party gift (66%) a thank you gift (61%), adult birthday gift (58%).






## More interesting facts

US retail sales of candles are estimated at approximately \$2 billion annually, excluding the sales of candle accessories.

Candle manufacturers' surveys show that 96% of all candles purchased are bought by women. Two thirds of candle purchasers say they use candles once a week or more often. Women are more frequent users than men, and younger people tend to use candles more often than older adults.





Candles are used for many purposes such as:

- Making a room comfortable

- To unwind after a hard day

- For sensual moments

- House warming gifts along with other gifts

- To make a room smell better

The list goes on and on about why candles are used





# What I learned

- Candles may seem like a very easy project, but they aren't. It takes time and patience.
  - You work hard to get this finished project. When it is finished, you appreciate it more than you would if you just went and bought it.
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