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QUICK START GUIDE TO CANDLE MAKING

These instructions are designed to help you to get started using your Beginner Candle Making Kit right away. Before beginning your candle-making adventure, however, please read the safety equipment and procedures section beginning on page 64 of your book.

Congratulations on your purchase of Betterbee's Beginner Candle Making Kit!

Your kit includes:

- The Candlemaker's Companion
- 3 Quart pouring Pot
- 3 lbs cleaned yellow beeswax
- metal votive mold
- 100 plastic tealight cups
- pre-assembled votive wicks
- pre-assembled tealight wicks
- Thermometer
- ReleaseGen Candle mold Spray
- Candle Wax Remover

Step 1: Place wax in the pouring pot, and place pouring pot on a trivet in a pot of water on the stove, taking care not to get water in the pouring pot. Clip the thermometer to the inside of the pouring pot. Heat the water to boiling to melt the wax.

TIP: to estimate the amount of wax you'll need, fill your mold with water, and pour water into a measuring cup. This will tell you how much wax you'll need. Your votive molds will take a little less than 2 oz of wax each, and your tealight cups will take approx. .5 oz. each.

Step 2: Prepare Mold(s)

Using a release agent is not strictly necessary for the molds in your kit, but they will ensure easy release. If you are using a release agent, spray molds with ReleaseGen, or oil **lightly** with cooking oil.

Step 3: Prepare Wicks

When wax is melted enough to work with (even if it isn't hot enough to begin pouring) dip the metal base of your wick in the wax and affix the wick to the center of your mold. This will keep the wick from sliding around when you pour your wax into the molds.

Step 4: Pour Your Wax

When the wax reaches 160°F, it's ready to pour. Fill your molds approx ½ full, and re-center your wick if necessary. Let the wax cool slightly to hold the wick in place. Add additional wax to approx ½ inch from the top of the container and allow the wax to congeal. When approx ⅓ inch has hardened on the surface, poke 2 holes into your candle, close to and on either side of the wick; this releases air bubbles. Remove the toothpicks and fill these holes with additional wax. Continue to add wax as your candles cool, until they are the size you want.

Step 5: Remove Candles From Molds/Trim Wicks

Once your candles are completely cooled (several hours), pull on the wick to release your candle. If they are difficult to remove, try putting your molds in the freezer overnight and remove them the next day. Trim your wicks to within ½ inch of the candle, and you're all done! And clean-up is a snap with the candle wax remover.

Step 6: Enjoy!

Enjoy your homemade candles--they make great gifts! And don't forget--your book has great information, ideas, and techniques you'll want to try out next time. Give it a read!