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Tools/Supplies:

- Double Boiler or large container for melting your wax.
- Pouring Pot with spout and handle.
- Wax or Candy thermometer
- Bobby Pins (to hold wicking in place)
- Wicking
- Mold release
- Wicking Needle
- Rubber Bands

Lyson Candle Mold Instructions

Preparing Your Mold: Our candle molds from Lyson have a unique cut down the side of the candle and then half way across the bottom. This allows you to wick your mold without a wicking needle. Open the mold and lay your wick into the mold leaving at least 3" at the top of the mold. Leave a substantial length of wick at the base of the mold, then when you pull your cooled candle out; your mold will automatically be re-wicked for your next pouring. Make sure to use several rubber bands on these molds and carefully align the cut sides. The more attention you pay to this alignment, the fewer seams you will have on your finished candle. We recommend one at the base, one in the middle and one at the top for taller molds. You can use two rubber bands for shorter molds. Place the bobby pin on the wicking and move it down to the opening of the mold. Be sure your wick is centered in the candle and don't pull too tight or you will have problems with how your candle burns.

Tip: You can also use a small stocking to secure the candle mold. On the more unusually shaped molds, this works better than rubber bands.

Wax Melting: Because wax is highly flammable, read instructions and have your molds ready before starting the melting process. Cover your work area with freezer paper (wax side up for easier wax removal) and yourself with an apron to protect yourself and clothing from accidental spills. Place wax in the top of the double boiler. Turn heat on low. **NEVER LEAVE WAX UNATTENDED!** The wax will take some time to melt so continue checking the water level. Use the thermometer to check for proper temp. (Paraffin wax 170-180 degrees, beeswax 150-160) before pouring into your molds. When the proper temperature is reached, add your fragrances, essential oils or coloring if desired. Turn off the heat and carefully transfer the wax to your pouring pot.

Pour the wax slowly to prevent air bubbles. Allow the wax to cool and harden completely before attempting to remove your candle from the mold. Cooling times will vary depending upon the size of your mold. When the candle is completely cooled, remove the bobby pin and rubber bands. Gently separate the mold at the seam then pull slowly but firmly on the extra length of wicking. If you have any trouble removing the candle from the mold, place in the freezer for 5-10 minutes and once removed the candle will pull away from the mold easier. Be careful, as this will cause tapers to become temporarily brittle and will be very fragile. Pull the candle out and clip the wick, your mold is wicked for the next pouring. If needed, trim the base and/or seams with a paring knife or a hot plate to level off the bottom. Trim the wick at the top of the candle to about ½".

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