

'CUP OF TEA' CANDLE MAKING KIT

This kit contains everything you need (except the cup itself and standard kitchen equipment) to make one or more Tea Cup container candles. This is just one of a huge range of UK-made kits and materials available at www.MakingYourOwnCandles.co.uk.

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 exercise care and never leave them unattended.



What you will need to make a tea cup candle

- an old tea cup or similar container (not provided)
- 150g wax
- wick
- wick holder
- metal wick tab
- a little blutack
- dye (depending on depth of colour required)

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 a set of pliers.

Instructions

1. Fill your larger saucepan to a third of its volume with water and bring it to the boil. Place the smaller saucepan inside
2. Add the wax to the smaller pan to melt, stirring occasionally
3. In the meantime, cut a piece of wick so that it's a few centimetres longer than the cup is deep
4. Once the wax has melted, drop the wick into the pan, leave it for a second or two and use the stirrer to pull it out. It'll set almost immediately so pull it straight to make your waxed wick
5. Take the waxed wick and pass it through the hole in a tab so that the tab is exactly on one end of the wick. Use pliers to firmly squeeze the collar closed.

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.



6. Add dye to the wax and stir. Once it's fully melted, it's time for the first pour.

First Pour

7. Pour the melted wax carefully into the cup so that it forms a layer around 1cm deep
8. Now, drop the tab on the end of the wick into the bottom of the cup so that it's central. Thread the other end of the wick through the hole in the wick holder. Leave this to set for around 10 minutes so to secure the wick in the bottom of the cup.



Second Pour

9. Warm the wax in the pan again. If you're using scent, this is the time to add it to your wax
10. Pour it into the cup, filling to around a centimetre below the lip - you must leave a small amount of wax remaining in the pan; around 10% is fine
11. Pull the wick gently to make sure it's straight and secure it with blutack.
12. Leave to set fully - this will take at least a couple of hours
13. A dip will form around the wick after it cools, so reheat the remaining wax and refill the candle to the same level as before.
14. Leave to cool completely then trim the wick to around 1cm



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