

# 4-IN-1 CANDLE MAKING KIT

This kit contains everything you need (except standard kitchen equipment) to make 8 shaped candles. Remember, when you've created your first 8 candles, you can buy a refill kit so you can make another 8 in any of our available flavours.

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 on a flat surface and never leave them unattended.

Note: the instructions below assume you want to make all four candles at once. If you'd prefer to make only one, two or three, simply reduce the quantities proportionately.



## What you will need to make four shaped candles

- 250g wax
- Tray mould
- wick
- 4 wick holders
- 1 wooden stirrer
- Blutack
- 5g dye (depending on depth of colour required)
- 15ml scent

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.

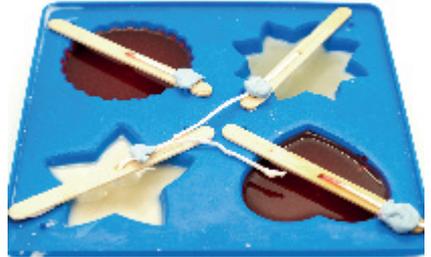
## Instructions

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. Cut four pieces of wick to around finger length.
4. Once the wax has melted, drop each wick into the pan, leave it for a second or two and use the stirrer to pull it out. It'll set almost immediately.
5. Take a waxed wick and pass it through the hole in a mould, pulling it through leaving only a centimetre or two on the underside. Seal with a generous blob of blutack. Repeat with the others.
6. Add dye to the wax and stir. Once it's fully melted, it's time for the first pour.



## First Pour

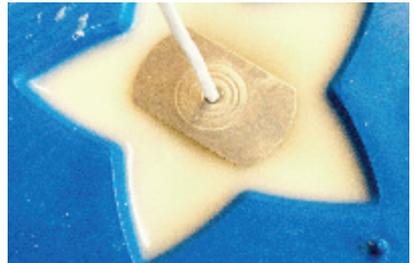
7. At the last minute, pour scent oil into the pan and mix.
8. Pour the melted wax carefully into each of the moulds, filling to its final height - be careful to keep this just below the lip of the mould so it doesn't overflow
9. Place a wick holder over the first mould and pass the wick through the hole. Pull the wick fairly tight and secure it with a blob of blutack
10. Repeat this with the other moulds
11. After around 20 minutes, the wax will have partly set. Remove the wick sticks (make sure that the surface has set enough so the wick doesn't move - if not, come back later) and thread a metal tab onto each wick. Press the tab into the surface of the wax. By doing this, the wick will remain upright for longer once the candle is burning - giving much improved burning times.



*The tray mould after the first pouring*

## Second Pour

12. As it sets, the wax will shrink, pulling it away from the edges of the mould and also creating a "dip" around the wick which we need to fill.
13. Warm the wax in the pan again.
14. Top up the wax in each mould. It's best to add enough to simply fill in the dip, cover the tabs and level the surface.
15. Pop the wick holder over each wick again just to keep it straight, no need for blutack.
16. Once it's fully set, each candle should pop out easily enough. If not, cool further before trying again. Trim the wick to around 1cm with scissors.
17. Leave to cool for several hours, or overnight, before lighting.



*Press the tab into the warm wax*

## Two colour candles

The process is very similar, and just as easy. To make two-colour candles, you should only heat half the quantity of wax initially. Add dye and half the scent, then pour into the moulds up to around half way. Carefully clean out the pan (kitchen towel is good for this) before adding the second half of wax plus dye (if using - white candles don't need a dye) and the remainder of the scent. Topping up the moulds with this wax is your second pour.

All the other instructions remain the same.

Once you've made your first batch, why not buy a refill to make another 8 candles for a very low price? Find this at [www.makingyourowncandles.co.uk](http://www.makingyourowncandles.co.uk)

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