

PILLAR CANDLE MAKING KIT

This kit contains everything you need (except standard kitchen equipment) to make pillar candles that will burn for 35 hours. 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 pillar candle

- pillar mould
- 225g wax
- wick
- wick holder
- a stirrer
- a little blutack
- dye (if desired, use approx 5g depending on depth of colour required)
- 10ml scent (optional)

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 and kitchen scales.

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 to around 20cm length.
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 the end of the mould, pull it through leaving only a centimetre or two on the outside
6. Seal the hole with a large blob of blutack, pressing down hard



Pillar candle made with eco-soya wax and 5g yellow dye

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.



7. If you're adding dye, do so once the wax has melted. Stir until the dye is fully mixed in
8. Just before pouring the wax, if you're using scent, add it to the pan and stir (optional)

First Pour

9. Place the mould on a suitable surface (an old oven tray is ideal) with the blutacked end down
10. Pour the melted wax carefully into the mould to its final fill level
11. Pass the wick through the centre of the wick holder and pull it so it's reasonably tight
12. Position the holder so the wick is straight and central and secure the wick to the holder with a small blob of blutack
13. Leave to cool until a skin begins to form (around 30 minutes). Stir to break this up, otherwise a cavity might form beneath it

Second Pour

14. Once the candle has set, it'll probably have dropped a little, especially around the wick
15. Warm the wax in the pan again and, once it has fully melted, top up the mould so it's level
16. Replace the wick holder if it has moved so that it's central again
17. Leave the candle to set overnight

Remove from mould

18. Only try to remove the candle from the mould once it is completely cool
19. Remove the blutack from the closed end of the mould to free the wick
20. Remove the wick holder and tap the top of the mould to release the candle. If it won't move, try cooling it in the fridge for half an hour



Pillar candle made with eco-soya wax and decorated with one of our waterslide transfers

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