

# Candle Making Demo

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## Candle Kit Suggestions

- [Kit #1](#) (Amazon)
- [Kit #2](#) (Amazon)
- [Kit #3](#) (Amazon)
- [Kit #4](#) (Michael's)

## Fragrance

- Any essential oils or candle fragrance oils should work. Many kits include a scent(s) to use.

## Other Useful Tools

- Pot that can go on the stove
- Thermometer
- Kitchen scale
- Newspaper or wax paper to cover your area

## Directions

Step 1: Protect your work surface by covering it with newspaper or wax paper.

Step 2: Prepare a large saucepan with water. Candle wax cannot directly go on heat (it will evaporate or catch fire). Turn on heat. The heat from the boiling water will melt the wax.

Step 3: Pour the wax into your melting pot. You need 1 ounce of wax for every ounce that the container will hold. (Example: an 8 oz container needs 8 oz of wax.)

Step 4: Place glue dots on the bottom of the wick and press firmly into the jar.

Step 5: Place the melting pot into the pot of water and use a thermometer to measure the temperature of the wax. The wax should fully melt and then be brought up to a temperature of 185 degrees. Do not overheat!

Step 6: When the temperature reaches 185 degrees, remove from heat and stir in fragrance oils and candle dye (if desired). For every 16 ounces of candle wax used, you need 1 ounce of fragrance oil. Try to just mix it enough so that it is blended. Over-stirring will create air bubbles.

Step 7: Allow the wax to cool to between 150-160 degrees.

Step 8: Slowly pour the melted wax into the container to the desired fill level.

Step 9: Center the wick using a popsicle stick/pencil/clothespin/whatever you have and allow it to cool.

Step 10: Once the candle has solidified, trim the wick to about 1/4 inch.

Step 11: Wait at least 24 hours before burning the candle. If you wait at least 2 weeks for the candle to cure, it will have a stronger fragrance.