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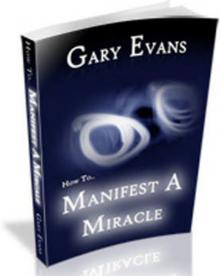
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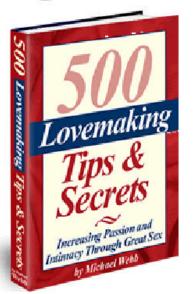
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Initializing the Art of Candle Making

- 1. One must have ample time to give to this great art. Those who are creative and patient can make good candle makers.
- 2. In order to avoid frustration start with creating simple candles.
- 3. Take time and experiment as to what suits the best wit your set up.
- 4. Work on the necessary changes patiently.
- 5. Start with the implementation of good safety habits. Melt at the proper temperatures.
- 6. Try and experiment with the cooling process.
- 7. With time and practice, these processes would become more natural for you.
- 8. Further experiment with the scents, dyes, and shapes for the candles.
- 9. Learn from our mistakes and individual experiences. This smoothens the process of learning candle making.
- 10. Do not skip to multi-tasking, else you would feel candle making more of a burden.
- 11. Following all the above, ensures that your candles are made well and also burn properly.

Candle Making Basics

Candles in the current scenario are used for several purposes like decoration & gifts. They are always an indispensable part of the festivities and usual home décor. But this doesn't imply that using candles is something new for the human civilization. Candles date back to the age of cavemen!

There is a belief that the French cavemen used candles while etching and painting the walls. Some remains of candles made out of animal fats are found in the French cave areas. Further, evidences of candles in the old ages are said to be found in Egypt. Historians believe that the Egyptians made candles by dripping bees' wax on leave stems.

The sense of creating something - something colorful, beautiful, attractive and soothing - it is indeed a great feeling. The artists such as potters, writers and designers love their each piece as their children. They put all their love, emotions and thoughts in their creations. One such cherished and beloved activity now-a-days is - Candle Making. Many people have a hobby of making candles in their free time or the vacations. Very often it is seen that those who know candle making shift to it to vent out their overwhelming emotions such as stress & anger.

Along with light, candles are also a great source of aroma and fragrances these days. Vanilla, jasmine, chocolate cake, cinnamon rolls...... the fragrances are endless. Similarly there is a never ending list of the shapes, sizes, deigns, shades and looks of the candles.

This activity is a great pastime for special moments as well, for instance parents making candles together with their children, or gifting the same to your family & friends on special occasions.

At times people just gather the basic information and start practicing the art with full courage. But this way we often miss out the necessary safety prospects and other interesting parts of this great art.

Here a few basic facts pertaining to the art of candle making:

1. The process of a candle burning involves all 4 elements of matter that are liquids, solids, plasma and gas.

- 2. To make the body of the candle usually paraffin wax is used. It is a natural wax that is extracted from the plants.
- Bees' wax is also a great alternate to make the candles' body. This is a natural wax extracted from honeybees. The bees use this substance in constructing their honeycombs.
- 4. Paraffin wax is available at petroleum refineries and the specialty wax processors.
- 5. To make the candles, before the wax getting dried, wick is placed in the center. Wick is usually made out of cotton fibers braided together. It is quite thin, yet very strong. In order to have a larger flame, some candle makers use a wider wick that is wider than the normal one.
- 6. One must be extremely aware and cautious of the safety prospects while making candles. Hot wax has quite high temperature that may cause severe burns.
- 7. Candle making also involves great risk of fire. Re-assure that the candle making area must be equipped with a fire extinguisher and should be well planned.
- 8. Make sure to clean up the spills quickly. They become very slick and walking over them can make you fall.
- 9. Candle making materials aren't very expensive as well.

Candle Making Supplies

Candle making besides being a growing industry, is quite a fun hobby for all ages. The materials required for candle making primarily depend on the size of the candle you are making and other related factors are shapes, shades, etc.

The basic requisites for any candle are:

- i. Wax
- ii. Wick
- iii. Candle holder

To make the body of the candle the usual choices are paraffin wax and beeswax.

The other equipments that would add ease and fun to the art of candle making are as follows:

1. Double Boiler

It would melt wax for the candles properly.

2. Stir Sticks and Thermometer

In order to melt the wax rather easily purchase a thermometer and stir sticks.

3. Wick Clips

Adding wick clips at the candle's base ensures that the users make use of it until the last bit.

4. Candle molds

These are quite popularly used for designing the candles. Candle molds are available in varied styles. These are usually made out of aluminum and other metals.

5. Wick Holder Bar

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A wick holder bar makes inserting the wick quicker and easier.

6. Silicon Mold Release Spray

This ensures that your candle slides out from the mold easily, maintaining the perfect shape.

6. Mold Cleaner

A mold cleaner would help you ensure the maintenance of the mold.

7. Dyes

Colors make the candles more attractive. Along with the primary colors, there are wide range of pastels & bold brights to choose from. Many times candle makers prefer mixing colors on order to create some unique & attractive shades. The colors for candles are available in dye forms.

8. Scents and Aromas

While even plain candles sell big, adding some scents and aromas make the candle livelier. Cinnamon, potpourri and vanilla are some of the traditional choices. Yet, there is a wide variety available in the market to choose from. These aromas also help you relax. Some fragrances also water your mouth.

In order to make the candle scents strong enough, watch the amount of scents you are adding. For 1 pound of wax, add 1 ounce of scent.

9. Candle Paints

With these create designs on your candles. Enhancing the overall look of the candle, these paints help you develop wonderful contrasts.

10. Luster Spray

This adds a shiny look to the candle.

11. Base Leveler

Aligning the crooked candles, it ensures that the bottom of the candle is flat and smooth. A candle with wavy bottom would not settle well in the holder.

12. Books on Candle Making

The online stores and other resources are available to pick out quite informative and detailed books on candle making.

Purchasing the above listed equipments for candle making would help you design your candles better and work faster. While the quantities and amount of the material required varied for each individual, on an average, one can get all the required supplies for \$100. These can be purchased from the near by craft stores or the online resources. In order to save money on these purchases, consider picking a candle making kit. It contains small supplies of all the requisites at a discounted price.

Candle Making Additives

Candle making additives are added to wax in order to add varied features to the candle. They also enhance the look of your creations. Depending upon the type of candle you are making and the climate of the region, one has around 8 different choices to pick from.

While some candle makers do not support the usage of the additives, some make the most of its advantages in varied forms and functions. These additives are quite inexpensive and work well if used in the right manner.

Beware that these additives must be used in an appropriate amount as even a bit more amount can damage the wax or the burning quality of the candle as well. There are several books available to gain more knowledge on the same.

The varied types of additives are as follows:

1. Kemamide

A fine powder. Used as a release agent.

Kemamide has a hint of ivory in the color. It is close to transparency. It must be stored in a closed & dry environment as exposure to humidity can lead to clumping. It is often used as a release agent.

The advised quantity is one teaspoon for each pound of wax.

2. Poly-AC

A fine powder. Used as a hardener.

Poly-AC is white in color. It is quite dry in texture. It needs to be stored in dry environment in order to prevent clumping. It is used as a hardener.

The effective quantity is one teaspoon for each pound of wax.

3. Chimasorb 81

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A powder. Used to enhance color.

Chimasorb 81 has a yellowish tint. This additive must be stored well as it is most likely to get clumped. Even in low humidity areas it can get clumped. Chimasorb 81 enhances color. In terms of quantity it is used the least.

Only 1/10 of a percent for each pound of wax is enough.

4. Stearic Powder

Flaky. Used for hardening. Reduces the melting temperature of the wax.

This white colored additive doesn't react to humidity. It is mainly used for hardening and to reduce the melting temperature of wax. Its quantity used depends on the kind of candles one is making. Stearic Powder causes damage to wax in case it is used in inappropriate quantity, so beware while using it.

It is advisable to use three teaspoons for every pound of wax.

5. 103 Vybar

Usually available in the form of tiny beads. Adds a creamy texture to wax. Also used as a hardener.

Beads do not have the problem of clumping as they flow loosely & hence don't stick together, even in the high humidity areas. It is an effective hardener. It has very creamy texture that adds the same quality to the candle. It is a good hardener for the scented candles.

The advised amount to be used is one teaspoon for each pound wax.

6. Paraflint

Available in bead form. Used as a hardener.

It is sold in the form similar to 103 Vybar that is beads. Yet, these beads are quite larger.

You can use one teaspoon for each pound of wax.

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7. Poly 400

Available in beaded form, the shapes & sizes vary. Saves the candle from fading in sunlight.

Poly 400 is a UV inhibitor that keeps the candle from fading in sunlight.

It is used at the rate of one teaspoon for each pound of wax.

8. BHT Crystal

A Powder. Adds luster to wax.

BHT Crystal, a yellowish powder, is an antioxidant that is stored in liquid form for a long time. BHT crystal adds a beautiful luster to the candle wax.

Operating a Successful Candle Making Business

Candles in the current scenario are used for several purposes like decoration & gifts. They are always an indispensable part of the festivities and usual home décor. Candles add elegance to our homes, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents. These are hence an excellent craft to sell.

Those who love this art might choose to turn it in to a profit making venture. This might sound like an adventure, but like all other businesses, this field also has its dynamics and modes to conducts well. Prior to embarking in this flourishing industry, besides knowing the art of making quality candles, you require to know the other business details as well. For instance, offering customer service, ordering supplies, determining the price of your candles, etc.

It is anyways always advisable to invest some quality time and understand the business you are entering in to, before just jumping in. This would also make your job far more fun and professionally rather viable.

Marketing your products requires a lot of promotion and skills. There might be a big market out there for candles, but how would one purchase your candles if they do not know about them.

Here are some marketing tips to sell your candles well:

- 1. Establish a plan, that is exactly where do you want to sell the candles. This way you could work out focused plans to gain attention of the consumers.
- 2. You can make the sales from any location your home, a rented space at the craft shows, etc.
- 3. The best publicity for any business in the word of mouth. Try and spread the news of establishing the business as far as possible.
- 4. Never loose on your quality for even once, else this would lead to a negative word of mouth that would at last lead to loss of business.

- 5. Advertising on the internet is quite a significant platform. While it might seem expensive, with the over all services it caters it is actually worth the price.
- 6. Create an interesting blog talking about your products.
- 7. You can also try purchasing services of a web hosting company. These services include great tools for business like – launching a web page, directing the traffic on your site, provide shopping carts, and at times avail credit card processing. Most off the web hosting companies charge you with a mere cost of \$20 per month. Now, does this sound a bad deal!
- 8. Place your products on the online auction sites like EBay and Yahoo. These can generate enormous sales as they have a real global reach.
- 9. Selling good quality products through this platform, would surely fetch you many new buyers. So, here, never loose on your quality and services.
- 10. While advertising be specific as to what type of candles you would sell. Present attractive pictures of your candles. Giving a specified image of what the buyers can expect form the deal always gets you more customers.
- 11. Shift on to making bulk purchases of the raw materials and other supplies only hen your business is fetching you good profits. Purchasing in bulk quantities can get you good discounts indeed.
- 12. Price you candles at attractive prices so that the buyers are more willing to purchase. While calculating the sale price count well on the labor & time invested, the creativity involved and the taxes.
- 13. Offer various interesting schemes and services to attract your buyers. For instance:
 - i. Free shipping On the online auction sites, buyers would rather get attracted towards free shipping rather than low shipping prices.

- ii. Free Gifts You might offer one free candle against the purchase of 3 or 4 candles.
- iii. Personalized Cards In case your buyer is purchasing the candle to gift it, help them by packaging it well along with a personalized card.
- 14. Various known candle making companies are these days offering personalized services. This implies that the customers ask for some particular type of candle made to order in a specific color. This service is charged over heavily, but the customers are all willing to pay for the same.
- 15. In case you prefer to give the above mentioned service, make sure that there is no communication gap between you and the buyer. Generally also, keep yourself available to the consumer's queries. This would boost up your business further.
- 16. There is no business where you do not face problems. Never the less, if you stick to quality services and products, the consumers would keep coming back to you.
- 17. Remember to follow up the feedback of your buyers, so as to grow your business further.
- 18. In case of any issues, work on the resolutions that are viable for you as well as the consumer.
- 19. Try having a return policy on your website.
- 20. Have a specialized mailbox to receive the suggestions and ideas of your buyers.

Making Votive Candles

Candles in the current scenario are used for several purposes like decoration & gifts. They are always an indispensable part of the festivities and usual home décor. Candle making is a great pastime for special moments as well, for instance parents making candles together with their children, or gifting the same to your family & friends on special occasions. These are also an excellent craft to sell.

Votive candles add elegance to our homes, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents.

The supplies for making your own votive candles can easily be found at the online stores or the near by craft stores. For interesting ideas and inspirations, just log on the internet or look out in the near by library or book store to search for books that are filled in with pictures and ideas to make interesting votive candles for all occasions. On the online sources many a time you might also come across the gorgeous pictures of votive candles along with the step by step instruction manual to make them yourself. To make the supplies even more economical, especially the votive holders, you can also approach the thrift shops or yard sales.

The individual characteristics of votive candles are as follows:

- 1. Each piece of votive candle often entails more than 1 votive candle.
- 2. These are quite cost effective as the votives burn for around fifteen hours. These must be used with a holder else the votive candles are not considered safe while free standing. The votive holder must be an inch or 2 taller than the votive candle itself.
- People prefer using votive candles during Halloween for their jack-o-lanterns. The reason is simple – the light for long and illuminate the entire face of their jack-o-lanterns.
- 4. For the beginners, making these candles is a good choice as it helps you brush on the entire basics well.
- 5. Need less to mention, it is quite easy to make the votive candles.

The materials required to make the votive candles are as follows:

- 1. Wax Paraffin or bees' wax.
- 2. Molds prefer on the metal ones, especially aluminum.

- 3. A double boiler to heat the wax.
- 4. A thermometer to keep a check of the temperature of wax during the entire process.
- 5. Wick This must be of a very good quality else it would effect the burning quality of the candle.
- 6. Wick tabs These are metal tabs that help you keep the wick in place while making the candle. These serve as the base for your candles.
- 7. Dyes to color the candles.
- 8. Scents and aromas to add fragrance to the candle if you so desire.
- Mold Spray It keeps the mold clean and lubricated thereby ensuring smooth replacement of the candle from the mold.

Here is the process of making a votive candle:

- 1. Heat the wax in a double boiler.
- 2. Keep a check on the temperature with the help of a thermometer.
- 3. In hot melted wax, add any colors and fragrance of your choice.
- 4. Stir it well.
- 5. Immediately pour this melted wax in the molds' lips.
- To keep process clean and economical, place an old newspaper beneath the wax molds prior to pouring the wax in to them. This way you would land up saving around 20% of your melted wax for your next pouring process.
- 7. Let the wax cool in the molds and you work on the wicks.
- 8. Cut the wick several inches longer than actually required.
- 9. Attach the wicks to the wick tabs.
- 10. Dip your wicks in hot wax.
- 11. Unlike the other candles, votive candles cool off quite faster so do keep a check on the molds while cooling down.
- 12. When wax starts hardening, insert the wick with its tab attached, through the bottom of the mold.
- 13. Let the wax cool further and check that the metal tab or the wick tab settles down well.
- 14. Check that the wick must stay right in the center.
- 15. After the wax has fully cooled down, you shall find a sink hole on the top of the votive candle that forms due to shrinkage.

- 16. Heat some wax to a temperature 15 degree Fahrenheit higher than the earlier wax poured. Pour this melted wax in the mold again.
- 17. Let the mold cool down completely now.
- 18. The votive candle would slide out from the mold quite easily.
- 19. Finally trim your candle's wick to about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch from the candle's top.
- 20. Attach the same to the votive holder, an inch or 2 taller than your candle itself.
- 21. To further beautify your votive candle, try applying some sleek ribbons with hot glue gun across the rim of your votive candle holder.

Your votive candle is ready to use!

Making Unity Candles

Lighting unity candles is often an indispensable part of the traditional wedding ceremonies. It demarcates the unity of two families with the meeting of two souls.

This custom involves a set of two taper candles and one column candle. First the bride and the groom light a taper candle each. Then with these two flames, they together light up the large column candle placed in the middle.

Considering the enormous expenses of wedding, it is always a good idea to gift a set or allow some friends or relatives to gift this set to the couple. In addition, it is also a good idea to gift individualized column candles to the parents of the couple.

The column candles in such sets often carry a message like a biblical saying, some greetings, a picture of the couple, a poem, etc.

For interesting ideas and inspirations, just log on the internet or look out in the near by library or book store to search for books that are filled in with pictures and ideas to make interesting unity candles for your loved ones. On the online sources many a time you might also come across the gorgeous pictures of unity candles along with the step by step instruction manual to make them yourself.

Making any sort of quality candles is quite inexpensive and real fun. Let's see how can we make these candles, proceeding step by step.

Making Taper Candles

The basic tools required to make your own taper candles are all available on the online stores and the local craft stores. These are as follows:

- 1. Special dipping can for taper candles A double boiler is too narrow to make a long variety of candle like the taper ones.
- 2. Thermometer it must be of a good quality to ensure no faults in the procedure.

- Wax For making taper candles using bees' wax is not very advisable as it can bend away easily in the warm days. Paraffin wax is the only and the best choice to make taper candles.
- 4. Wick There are special wicks available in the market for taper candles. The wicks that are used for pillar candles would o no help in this case.
- 5. Dyes for coloring the candles.
- 6. Fragrances to add an aroma of your choice.

Dip the wicks over and over again in the melted wax placed in the dipping can. When the candle gets the desired width, let it cool down well enough. Then trim your wick to ¼ inch of the candle's top.

Remember, taper candles must be placed on their special holders that are easily available in the local markets and the online stores.

Making Column Candles

In order to make column candles you would require the following basic supplies:

- 1. High quality paraffin wax
- 2. Molds
- 3. Wick
- 4. Colors that is dyes.
- 5. Fragrance this is optional yet using these would real charm to your creations.

Here follow the steps to make your own column candles:

- 1. Melt the wax in a double boiler.
- 2. Using a non-stick cooking spray or the special spray, coat the mold form inside so as to ensure a perfect design of the column candle.
- 3. Dip the wick in the melted wax. Make sure to keep it long enough that required.
- 4. Now insert this wick at the wick holder provided at the bottom of the mold. Tie the loose end of the wick to a pencil lying across the top of your mold. This would securely hold the wick in the mid of the mold.

- 5. Add any color or fragrance to the melted wax if you wish to.
- 6. Mix them well.
- Now pour hot wax in the molds, else if it cools down, the candle would have some ugly lumps.
- 8. Leave the thing for cooling down.
- 9. Now remove the finished candle from the mold and snip the excess wick. The ideal length is around 1/4 inches of the top of your candle.
- 10. Finally, place a saying, poem, wedding invitation, photo, biblical saying, etc. on the candle and stick it there using a glue gun or some double stick tape. Try cutting your attachment in the oval shape with a pair of scissors. This would create a ridge all the way around the attachment.
- 11. The column candles are placed on its stand that usually looks like a small plate.

Presentation

To further enhance the look of your creations, you might like to make some bows out of the wedding colors.

Here is the process to make bows for your unity candles:

- 1. Get a long piece of wire, one for each candle.
- 2. Twist this wire gently towards the front, without damaging the candles. It must be long enough to hold it securely.
- 3. The portion of the wire that is showing can be covered with the bows we made earlier.
- 4. You might also like to place the candles in gift bags that can be decorated with bows made in the wedding colors.

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Taper candles add elegance to our homes, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents.

Yet, making taper candles is not as recommendable for the absolute beginners. In order to get to these, one must have the basics of candle making right under their belt. Also the process is very time consuming that might frustrate the beginners.

With unique color schemes taper candles form a rare style of candle making. For interesting ideas and inspirations, just log on the internet or look out in the near by library or book store to search for books that are filled in with pictures and ideas to make interesting taper candles for all occasions. On the online sources many a time you might also come across the gorgeous pictures of taper candles along with the step by step instruction manual to make them yourself. The candle making books and online stores also offer interesting color palettes and charts to make newer shades for your taper candles.

Making taper candle is quite consuming, but looking at the final creation, the toil, effort and time is all the worth!

In order to practice economically that is without wasting any materials, melt the wax from your waste candles or those you are freshly building. Use them over & over again, unless and until, you perfect the process. To make the practicing process even more economical, do not add any colors or scents in the wax while practicing.

The basic tools required to make your own taper candles are all available on the online stores and the local craft stores. These are quite inexpensive, simple and fun to use. These are as follows:

- Special dipping can for taper candles A double boiler is too narrow to make a long variety of candle like the taper ones.
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- 12. Fragrances to add an aroma of your choice.

After you have procured all the required ingredients and equipments, **the procedure of making the taper candles follows:**

1. Melting the Wax

- i. To make taper candles melt the wax in large pots that must be filled with water until a few inches for the dipping can to rest on it.
- Be aware that you must never place your dipping can directly over the stove top.
 This is not advisable at al, in terms of safety regards. Also this way you would expose the place with highly toxic fumes.
- iii. Melt the wax at temperature amidst 150 & 165 degrees Fahrenheit.
- iv. Then the wax is ready for the dipping process.
- v. In case you wish to add some colors or aromas to the candle, do it now and stir it well.

2. Preparing the Wick

i. While the wax is melting, you may start working the wick. Take the wick especially meant for the taper candles.

- ii. Now cut the wick. It must be at least 4 inches longer than the actual desired length.
- iii. In case you are planning to make a set, be assured that you cut equal lengths of the wick.
- iv. The simplest way of doing this is to cut one and then fold the other pieces over.Then just make few more cuts.

3. The Dipping Process

- i. Now move the dipping can on to a flat and dry surface.
- ii. In case you are working on a counter top, be sure that you place a cookie sheet or a towel under your dipping can.
- iii. Now dip your wick in the hot wax.
- iv. Remember that initially that is in the first few dips, the wick will only get covered.
- v. This process is easy, time consuming and needs a lot of patience.

Here a few tips to be kept on mind during the dipping process:

- i. Do not rush up else you shall spoil the candles.
- ii. Make each dip very quick just in & out process.
- iii. Do not leave the wick dipped for too long. This way it won't soak much, rather, the candle with start getting an unwanted chunky surface. It is essential to have a smooth surface at the end of the process.
- iv. As the wax gets cold or loosing the temperature, its time to heat it again.
- v. The better way of doing it is that while you are working on one can, keep another dipping can to get heated up. This way the working process won't stop.
- vi. In case you are planning to make a set of taper candles, keep a strict record of the number of dips you make.
- vii. Allow the wax to cool down after each dip.
- viii. As the candle becomes wider, the more time it requires for cooling down after each dip.
- ix. So, it is advisable to work on two candles at a time so that while one gets cooled down, you can work on the other piece.

4. Completing the Candle

After the dipping process is over and you have got the desired size, let the candle cool down completely. Then cut its wick to ¹/₄ inch of the candle's top.

To add rather more beauty to your taper candles there are plenty of specialized stands available in the market. The taper candle is ready to add poise and grace to your décor!

Making Hand Dipped Candles

Candles in the current scenario are used for several purposes like decoration & gifts. They are always an indispensable part of the festivities and usual home décor. Candle making is a great pastime for special moments as well, for instance parents making candles together with their children, or gifting the same to your family & friends on special occasions. These are also an excellent craft to sell.

Hand dipped candles add elegance to our homes, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents.

Yet, making hand dipped candles is not recommended for the beginners. In order to get to these, one must have the basics of candle making right under their belt. Also the process is very time consuming that might frustrate the beginners.

With unique color schemes hand dipped candles form a rare style of candle making. For interesting ideas and inspirations, just log on the internet or look out in the near by library or book store to search for books that are filled in with pictures and ideas to make interesting hand dipped candles for all occasions. On the online sources many a times you might also come across the gorgeous pictures of hand dipped candles along with the step by step instruction manual to make them yourself. The candle making books and online stores also offer interesting color palettes and charts to make newer shades for your hand dipped candles.

The basic tools required to **make your own hand dipped candles** are quite known to the regular candle makers. These are as follows:

- i. A large amount of paraffin wax
- ii. Wick
- iii. Double boiler for melting the wax
- iv. Wooden spoons
- v. Bowls
- vi. Good quality thermometer

- vii. Colors There are various sorts of colors available for the hand dipped candles namely chips, cakes, liquid, powder, etc.
- viii. Fragrances (optional) While adding fragrances to your hand dipped candles ensure that the scents you use are pure oils with absolutely no alcohol or water base.

The steps to make your hand dipped candle follow:

1. Heating the Wax

Just like the regular candles, heat the wax at 160 degrees Fahrenheit in a double boiler. Check with a thermometer for the temperature. Once the wax has reached the desired temperature, minimize the heat so as to maintain the wax in a liquid form.

2. Add the Colors and Scents

When the wax is heated at the right temperature, add the color dyes. Start adding from little quantities and keep on adding more only if required.

Beware that too much of scents also disturb the quality of the candle burning, so watch that the scents or aromas you add must be mild enough.

3. Wick

Now cut the wick just a little more than required. In case you are planning to make a set of candles, make sure to cut equal lengths of the wicks.

4. Building the Candle

Dip the wick in the candle wax and make sure that you coat it properly. It is the key step involved in building the hand dipped candles. Every time you dip the wick, be sure that you coat it well enough, let it cool for a second or two and proceed for another dip. With each dip the candle grows in size.

In case you want the candle to have more than one color, keep the wax of another color ready for the dip.

5. Completing the Candle

After the candle reaches the desired width, shave it using a soft blade. Keep the tip pointed. After shaving, dip your candle just a few more times in order to smoothen its body.

Your hand dipped candle is ready to use!

Making hand dipped candle is quite consuming, but looking at the final creation, the toil, effort and time is all the worth!

In order to practice economically that is without wasting any materials, melt the wax from your waste candles or those you are freshly building. Use them over & over again, unless and until, you perfect the process.

Making Container Candles

Candles in the current scenario are used for several purposes like decoration & gifts. They are always an indispensable part of the festivities and usual home décor. Candle making is a great pastime for special moments as well, for instance parents making candles together with their children, or gifting the same to your family & friends on special occasions. These are also an excellent craft to sell.

Container candles add elegance to our homes, especially the bathrooms, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents.

For interesting ideas and inspirations, just log on the internet or look out in the near by library or book store to search for books that are filled in with pictures and ideas to make interesting container candles for all occasions. On the online sources many a times you might also come across the gorgeous pictures of container candles along with the step by step instruction manual to make them yourself.

The advantages and special features of container candles are as follows:

- 1. Their design allows them to b used to the fullest that is burning down until being empty, hence assuring long lasting experience and full value for money.
- 2. The container candles avoid fire hazards as the jars keeps the flame from escaping.
- 3. The jars prevent dripping as well.

The basic supplies needed to make container candle involve:

- 1. Container
- 2. Wax
- 3. Wick
- 4. Dyes for color
- 5. Scents or aromas for fragrances (optional)

The steps involved in making your own container candles are as follows:

1. Choosing the Container

The key step in making a container candle is choosing the right container. Here are a few points to be remembered for the same:

- ii. Glassware is the best option to make container candles.
- iii. Glassware is the best owing to the safety prospect.
- iv. The glassware you opt for must have a very simple and sturdy design.
- v. These are very inexpensive and can be purchased form any local retail shops.
- vi. Other places to strike great deals for glassware are yard sales, thrift sales, flea markets, etc.
- vii. Prefer using glassware with lids.

2. Preparing the Container

Before using it you must ensure that your glassware is clean. This would prevent the dust and other particles from building inside.

A quick rinse cycle in a dishwasher would do the trick.

3. Heating the Wax

- i. Heat the wax in a double boiler.
- ii. Use quality wax to make a quality candle.
- iii. Bees' wax and paraffin wax both are suited well for the container candles.
- iv. Heat the wax at a temperature of around 110 degrees Fahrenheit.
- v. After the wax has reached this temperature, add the colors and scents of your choice. This it is optional, these make the candle more attractive and the experience more long lasting.

3. Pouring the Wax in Container

- i. Heat the container in the microwave for a minute or two so as to get rid of any unsightly air pockets that are formed with hardening.
- ii. Now place your glass container on the cookie sheet for making the final clean up of all spills.
- iii. Fill the container leaving 1 inch form the top unfilled.
- iv. This space allows burning of the candle without dripping outside.
- v. Now let the container cool down for around 20 minutes.

4. Placing the Wick

- i. For container candles, it is always advisable to use wicks with tabs.
- ii. Now gently place the wick with a tab in each candle container.
- iii. Watch the candle as it hardens, as you must make sure that the wick keeps in the centre throughout the cooling duration.
- iv. After the wax hardens, cut the wick in to ½ of candles' top.
- v. Try placing the shell of a ball point pen around your wick. This would guide your wick in to place.
- vi. While the wax hardens, it would make sure that the wick tab stays firmly in place.
- vii. You might also choose to clip the wick's top with a cloths' pin laid across the opening in order to keep the same in place.

5. The add-ons

- i. Container candles allow a lot of scope for creativity.
- ii. Try giving the container to your child for painting while you do the wax part.
- iii. Gluing colored sequences on the jar is also a great design alternate.
- iv. Glitters also act as a great designing tool for container candles.
- v. Some simple yet very attractive choices for designing your container candles are gluing colored ribbon at the top of your candle container.

While candles add a lot of beauty and charm to the home and spread irresistible aromas, one must be sure of the safety measures while using them:

- 1. These must be kept out of reach of the children.
- 2. Never leave the candles unattended while burning.
- 3. While shifting the jar or container candles, be sure that the container is not heated up, as this may result in severe burns.

Making Column Candles

Candles in the current scenario are used for several purposes like decoration & gifts. They are always an indispensable part of the festivities and usual home décor. Candle making is a great pastime for special moments as well, for instance parents making candles together with their children, or gifting the same to your family & friends on special occasions. These are also an excellent craft to sell.

Column candles add elegance to our homes, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents.

The supplies for making your own column candles can easily be found at the online stores or the near by craft stores. For interesting ideas and inspirations, just log on the internet or look out in the near by library or book store to search for books that are filled in with pictures and ideas to make interesting column candles for all occasions. On the online sources many a times you might also come across the gorgeous pictures of column candles along with the step by step instruction manual to make them yourself.

Column candles are almost similar to the taper candles, except that they are wider & usually shorter. Column candles are not pointed at the top like the taper ones. Instead, the column candles resemble the top of volcano.

These are a very pretty & distinct form of art. They are classic and have a timeless look. Unlike the other close alternates, column candles have a ridge design, not smooth one.

The advantages of column candles are as follows:

- i. They can burn for hours together, making your investment and time all the worth. On an average, a column candle burns for around 35 hours.
- ii. A column candles does not produce any smoke.
- iii. Column candles never drip.

 iv. Some candle users find it very frustrating to look for holders to place the column candles. Well, these can well fit in all the standard spiked base holders and tea light holders.

An important point to be understood is that column candles are essentially made of high quality paraffin wax. Though candles made in bees' wax look great, it is not at all a good option for the column candles as bees' wax would not be able to hold up the structure of column candle. Column candle made of bees' wax at high temperature would ooze out all over, there by creating a mess and an ugly looking candle.

In order to make column candles you would require the following basic supplies:

- 6. High quality paraffin wax
- 7. Molds
- 8. Wick
- 9. Colors that is dyes
- 10. Fragrance this is optional yet using these would real charm to your creations.

Here follow the steps to make your own column candles:

- 12. Melt the wax in a double boiler.
- 13. Using a non-stick cooking spray or the special spray, coat the mold form inside so as to ensure a perfect design of the column candle.
- 14. Dip the wick in the melted wax. Make sure to keep it long enough that required.
- 15. Now insert this wick at the wick holder provided at the bottom of the mold. Tie the loose end of the wick to a pencil lying across the top of your mold. This would securely hold the wick in the mid of the mold.
- 16. Add any color or fragrance to the melted wax if you wish to.
- 17. Mix them well.
- 18. Now pour hot wax in the molds, else if it cools down, the candle would have some ugly lumps.
- 19. Leave the thing for cooling down.
- 20. Now remove the finished candle from the mold and snip the excess wick. The ideal length is around 1/4 inches of the top of your candle.

And your column candles are ready to light!

Some interesting innovations in the column candles are as follows:

- To make you candle rather unique and different try adding pressed flowers and leaves. Add a thin layer of decoupage medium at the back of the decorative you want to use and press it on the candle. Hold the same in place until a few seconds.
- 2. Try making ice crystal column candles. Just put some crushed ice in to the mold prior to adding hot wax.

Making Chunk Candles

Candles in the current scenario are used for several purposes like decoration & gifts. They are always an indispensable part of the festivities and usual home décor. Candle making is a great pastime for special moments as well, for instance parents making candles together with their children, or gifting the same to your family & friends on special occasions. These are also an excellent craft to sell.

Pillar candles are the most common yet the most classy form of candles. And their advanced form are the chunk candles.

Chunk candles add elegance to our homes, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents.

While looking at the chunk candles, they seem to be very difficult form of art, the fact is just the opposite. In fact, chunk candles have an advantage over and above the pillar candles – Pillar candles must be absolutely smooth and if they are not, the fault is always pretty visible. Unlike the pillar candles, in case of chunk candles, the surface need not be perfectly smooth.

Yet, making chunk candles is not recommended for the beginners. In order to get to these, one must have the basics of candle making right under their belt.

Making Chunk candles involves two key phases that must not be gelled together. At times people try cutting out corners in chunk candles but this only results in a disaster that is very poor quality candles that also do not burn well. **The two phases are as follows**:

- i. Making the chunks
- ii. Altering the chunks in gorgeous candles

Any how, many a times candle makers prefer purchasing pre-cut chunks. These are readily available at the local craft stores or the World Wide Web that is the internet's online stores. For those planning to make chunk candles in bulk, it is always advisable to purchase the pre-cut chunks online.

To make your chunk candles even more attractive, you might consider adding some embeds to the candles.

For interesting ideas and inspirations, just log on the internet or look out in the near by library or book store to search for books that are filled in with pictures and ideas to make interesting chunk candles for all occasions. On the online sources many a times you might also come across the gorgeous pictures of chunk candles along with the step by step instruction manual to make them yourself.

Here are the two basic steps involved in making chunk candles:

1. Making the chunks

In order to make the best of creations in chunk candles, first plan the color contrasts of the chunks you want to use. For that long lasting impact, you might consider using some scents and aromas in these chunks. Making the chunks might be a time consuming process, but once it is done, working on your creation with your own choice of colors is indeed an amazing feel. The procedure for making your chunks is as follows:

- i. Using a non-stick cooking spray, spray the cookie sheet.
- ii. Make sure that it forms only a thin film on your cooking sheet.
- iii. Once the wax is melted down completely, add a color dye and the scents or aromas for fragrance.
- iv. Now, pour this mix on the cookies sheet.
- v. Decide the depth level on the candle until where you want the chunks and fill the sheet up to the same.
- vi. Watch your chunks cool down.
- vii. When the wax reaches the consistency of a cookie dough, using a sharp utility knife, cut the wax in to chunks.
- viii. Let the chunks cool off well now.
- ix. In case you are making various colors of chunks, consider mixing them together.You might also like to leave them separate.

Some candle makers opt to let the various colors mix together all by themselves.
 The rest might consider creating a design by simply adding each color's specific amount as per their wish.

2. Forming the Chunk Candle

In order to make the chunk candles, you can make use of the same molds as those meant for the pillar candles. Most craft stores sell the molds of pillar and chunk candles. The online auction sites like Yahoo and EBay also offer interesting packages – that is various pillar candle molds in one great price.

The molds are usually made of:

- i. Silicon
- ii. Aluminum
- iii. Plastic

However, for best results opt for molds made of aluminum. These allow wax to cool better, hence giving a smooth finish to the candle. These are also pretty durable.

The steps are as follows:

- i. Once you are sure of the size of mold you want to use, insert the candle wick at the bottom of your candle mold.
- Now loosely fill in the chunks in the mold. You might choose to make three layers of chunks, two layers that is - one at the top and another at the bottom or you might want to keep it symmetrical with single colored chunks. The choice is solely yours.
- iii. Check that you do not stack loads of chunks in the mold. This would not form in to a good quality candle. It is advised that you simply toss the chunks and let them be where they land up.
- iv. In case you plan to add some embeds, do that along with the chunks. Try and set some interesting patterns among the two. The embeds won't get replaced if they are placed along with the chunks.
- v. Now finally pour in the melted wax over your color chunks.

- vi. While it is always advisable to keep the melted wax colorless in such cases, some candle makers opt to add some light shades in order to tint the candle. This makes their creation unique and different.
- vii. During the cooling process, the chunks would gel in to the candle and form a beautiful creation.
- viii. After the mold gets cooled down, the candle would surely slide out with ease. In case it does not, try refrigerating the mold for about half an hour.

Your Chunk Candle is ready for sale or décor!

Make Pillar Candles

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Pillar candles add elegance to our homes, act as a gracious centre piece for the dinner tables, add vibrancy at the wedding receptions, and appeal one & all with varied colors and scents.

Pillar candles are so-called because of their look – tall and round like a pillar.

There can be enormous sizes of pillar candles with varied widths and heights. At times, you shall find pillar candles in unique designs for instance ridge on the top and bottom.

In candle making, making pillar candles is the easiest task yet most saleable. Its supplies can easily be found at the online stores or the near by craft stores.

Here are a few tips to make pillar candles more smoothly:

1. Molds

The key ingredient for making pillar candles is the molds. Most craft stores sell the molds of pillar candles. The online auction sites like Yahoo and EBay also offer interesting packages – that is various pillar candle molds in one great price.

The molds are usually made of:

- iv. Silicon
- v. Aluminum
- vi. Plastic

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However, for best results opt for molds made of aluminum. These allow wax to cool better, hence giving a smooth finish to the candle. These are also pretty durable.

2. Quantity of Wax

Once you have decided the size and number of candles you wish to make you would need to plan the quantity of wax required.

To calculate the quantity of wax required try referring a candle making book that has charts that would help you determine the same. These charts are also available on the internet.

3. You must also plan what **colors and fragrances** you would like to add to your pillar candles.

4. Wick

You must place a very quality wick to make quality pillar candles. As the candle gets wider, so does the wick.

It would be wise to purchase the standard type of wick. The user can braid three pieces together in order to make wicks for the wider candles that is the thicker wick.

5. Placing the Wick

Many times pillar candle molds contain a wick holder built-in. This also simplifies the task of judging the width of the wick required. The wick that slides in the best in the given wick holder, is obviously the right choice.

Be sure that you dip your wick in melted wax prior to attaching the same to candle mold.

6. Keep the wick in place

To keep the wick in place can be quite a tricky a job, so here's a simple to do it - cut the wick quite longer than what is actually required. Now, tie its loose end with a skewer or pencil

that is sitting across on the top of candle mold. This would keep the wick intact in the centre of the candle during the cooling process.

7. Heating the wax

Heat the wax at the apt temperature. The further add the add-ons that you plan to put in the candle such as dyes for colors, scents for fragrance, and additives for special functions. Then immediately pour this hot wax in the pillar candle mold.

Check that you do not fill in the mold to the top. Leave at least four to five inched unfilled.

8. Cooling the Pillar Candles

Unlike the usual candles that are just left alone to cool down, pillar candles need some special treatment. After the top of wax starts getting solid, add some small relief holes that would help shrinkage. In case you do not create relief holes in your pillar candles, the candles would get air pockets. These air pockets would not allow proper hardening.

After the candles cool down fully, pour melted wax in the holes that you had created. Check that the wax you pour now must be around 15 degrees hotter than the wax you had poured in earlier. Leave the candle alone now again to cool down completely.

9. Sliding out the candle

In case the candle does not slide out of the mold easily, refrigerate the mold for around half an hour.

10. Trim the wick

Now finally trim the wick of your candle that should have smooth and beautiful look.

And your pillar candles are ready to light!

How to Make Gel Candles

Gel candles are indeed beautiful and easy to light. These burn slowly hence more than usual. These are real treasures for life that spread aroma & light.

The ingredients of gel candles are very inexpensive and can be easily found in the local craft stores. For rather more choices there are various online stores available on the World Wide Web or the internet. Also these are very easy to make and can indeed add charm to your family get-togethers and the festivities. While internet is a rich source to look for various design ideas, the market is flooded with various books that feature amazing pictures of gel candles that can guide you through wonderful inspirations.

The basic supplies required to make gel candles are as follows:

- i. gel
- ii. zinc wicks
- iii. fragrance oils (optional)
- iv. dye to make them colored

Here are some essential tips to make gel candles:

- 1. It is important to understand that for gel candles zinc wicks can not be replaced with cotton wicks as it absorbs the gel hence the candle does not burn well.
- 2. You must keep in mind that many candle makers prefer not to use color and rather keep it clear. But, you must not block your creativity and feel free to do your own experiments in terms of shades and designs.
- 3. There is a wide variety of candle holders available for gel candles. One key factor is that the candle holder must be non-flammable. For best results, most oft candle makers use glass containers for candle holders. In order to make your gel candles unique, try using the following alternates:
 - i. fancy glasses

- ii. wine glasses
- iii. vases
- 4. Embeds add a great flavor to the candle. You can base your creation on various themes with the right embeds. An essential factor that you must keep on mind is that the embeds you use must not be flammable. You can opt for various colorful embeds to create themes such as X-Mass, Valentines, etc. a few common yet classy choice are:
 - i. Glitter
 - ii. Marbles
 - iii. colorful rocks
 - iv. sea shells
 - v. crystals
- 5. Gel candles far less color that the regular candles as gel catches on color quite easily, so add the color quite slowly. Add more of it only if surely required.
- 6. Very dark colors hide way the embeds in gel. So be cautious while using colors in gel.
- 7. You can plan great contrasts among the color of the gel and the embeds.

Here are the steps that would make the procedure of making a gel candle far more easy.

- 1. Use 'hot glue gun' in order to stick the wick at the bottom of your holder.
- 2. Hold the wick firmly until it sticks well.

3. Centering can yet be made easier by marking the bottom of the candle holder. Use a black or red marker to mark the center. Then place the wick on top of this mark.

4. You must leave this wick long enough so as to reach outside the holder. You can trim it later.

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5. Cut the gel in to small strips and melt the gel. Using a double boiler to melt the gel at medium heat level is quite advisable.

6. To melt the gel, cut it into small strips. For best results melt it in a double boiler at medium heat. This gel must be at 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

7. At very high temperature the gel can loose its gloss. Investing in a quality thermometer won't be a bad deal to strike the right temperature.

8. While adding colors to the gel candles make sure to do it very slow. The colors show up more vibrancy in gel candle than usual wax candles, so one needs not much color. Stir the melted gel well while adding the color dyes.

9. With embedded objects, you are suggested to use very light colors.

10. In case you are planning to add some scents and aroma to the candle, the right quantity is - 1/3 teaspoon for one glass melted gel.

11. Heating your container in a microwave for around one minute, would give you the best of results as this removes all the lumps in the melted gel. It also removes unsightly bubbles of gel candles. After removing the candle holder from microwave, add the embeds.

12. In order to get a better hold of the embeds in the candle, dip them in hot gel. You can try various settings of your embeds. Push them towards edges of the candle holder makes them more visible. Try creating some interesting patterns or just put them in loosely.

13. During adding the embedding objects, beware that the gel is not very hot. After completing the embedding process, pour the melted gel in the holder. In case the gel gets cooled down before pouring in the holder, clumps of gel would be formed that would ruin the candle.

14. Be sure to leave the wick hanging over the top of the holder, prior to pouring the gel in.

15. Trim the wick to the size desired, after the gel is set.

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Canning Jar Candles

Canning jar candles decorated with beautiful potpourri and ribbon have been a part of all our festivals and special eves. Making your own canned jar candles is quite inexpensive but can serve as an invaluable gift for the family and the loved ones.

Add charm to your dinner table with an interesting center piece; gift a memo on your best friend's wedding - Check out the near by craft store or browse online stores to source the simple requisites and with little creativity, you can create memories for a lifetime. These can also be excellent fundraising items for the next craft show.

The key requisites to make a canned jar candle are as follows:

- i. A wide mouthed canning jar
- ii. Ribbon
- iii. Potpourri
- iv. Votive candle with holder
- v. A hot glue gun.

Here are the tips to make canned jar candles:

- 1. First fill in potpourri in the jar.
- 2. To add some design and grace, try adding some extra decorations such as cinnamon sticks and dried apples.
- 3. Fill the jar to the brim so that while setting candle holder on its top, the surface is even with the jar's top.
- 4. Once you have settled the jar and the candle holder, place the candle in there.
- 5. Further, around the upper mouth of the canning, glue the ribbon.

6. Make the candle rather attractive with decorations glued on the candle.

7. Try adding some delicious aromas to your cute candles.

Making your own votives

In order to further save on money, you can make your own votives right at home.

The materials you would require are:

- i. Paraffin wax
- ii. Wick
- iii. Candle holders.
- iv. To further beautify the votives, use dyes. This would color the votives.
- v. You can also try adding special scents and aromas.

Simply, melt the wax. Then add whatever you wish to get the color and aroma of your choice. Now pour this hot wax in the candle holders.

The themes for Canning Jar Candles

Young children can make beautiful canning jar candles with real ease and great fun. This can be a fun hobby for the holidays as well. All you would need to do is help them with glue gun and hot wax at the initial stage. While the World Wide Web or Internet is the hub of great inspirations, here are some great ideas to work on so as to make these candles a treasured gift:

- 1. Halloween Candles Add pumpkin cutouts.
- 2. Easter Candles Add little bunnies.
- 3. Christmas Candles Add Christmas trees and small festive ornaments.

4. **Mother's Day** - Add some ornaments related to home, family and surely her choicest items.

Shopping Canning Jar Candles

1. McCall's are available in labeled rustic looks. These offer a collection of scintillating fragrances together with zinc wicks.

McCall's canning jar candles are available in two sizes:

- i. 5 ounce burns for around 30-35 hours. This costs \$13.63.
- ii. 16 ounce burns for around 110-115 hours. It costs \$24.63.

While McCall's canning jar candles are great, making your own candles is an inexplicable experience, worth a try.

2. Shopping at yard sales and thrift stores would save you even more money. Votive holders and other items required for candle making are available at far less prices in such place.

Books on Candle Making

The sense of creating something - something colorful, beautiful, attractive and soothing - it is indeed a great feeling. The artists such as potters, writers and designers love their each piece as their children. They put all their love, emotions and thoughts in their creations. One such cherished and beloved activity is - Candle Making. Many people have a hobby of making candles in their free time or the vacations. Very often it is seen that those who know candle making shift to it to vent out their overwhelming emotions such as stress & anger.

This activity is a great pastime for special moments as well, for instance parents making candles together with their children, or gifting the same to your family & friends on special occasions. Candle makers at times just gather the basic information and start practicing the art with full courage. There are several books written on candle making that provide you with the basics such as instructions and tips. Books also help you with many creative ideas and inspirations to make candles. They contain beautiful illustrations and step by step techniques to make those candles.

While choosing the book to purchase, one must check on several factors like you have to make candles for sale or for fun, what sort of candles you want to make, how experienced are you in the field, etc. It is always advisable to surf well before you finalize the purchases. Candle making books are available at several avenues like

- 1. Your nearby library,
- 2. The bookstores,
- 4. Yard sales
- 3. Internet, etc.

In fact, besides books several tips and ideas are available on internet to make varied types of candles.

Look through the book in totality and see if offers something special to serve your purpose in full.

Once you are sure about your pick, surf through online shopping sites like EBay & Yahoo Auctions to get utmost discounts. Used books on such sites cost far more cheaper and hence get a better deal done.

Here are a few bestsellers in this regard:

1. The Candle Maker's Companion - by Betty Oppenheimer and Deborah Balmuth

It is considered a 'must have' for the candle makers. Offering information for beginners as well as the advanced updates, this book is surely worth a buy.

2. The Encyclopedia of Candle Making Techniques

Seeking rave reviews for the information presented in a far too easy manner, this book is a compilation of all the information you were looking for.

3. The Complete Candle Maker Techniques, Projects, and Inspirations

This is for the advanced levels. The book contains forty illustrations of different candles along with step by step procedure to make them. Also it provides guidance against the common mistakes the candle makers do. It teaches you tricks and techniques to add finesse to your art.

4. Creative Candles: Over 40 Inspiring Projects for Making and Decorating Candles for Every Occasion - by Sue Spear

This is an apt choice for those who prefer making candles to mark the occasions and festivities of life like Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. It also offers ideas to create candles that serve as the center pieces and the wedding decorations.

5. Great Candles

This is a collection of easy, simple and decorative candles that you can enjoy making with your kids. Its language and presentation is such that even your kid would love to read the book in full and develop liking for this great art.

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