

Chunk Candle Instructions

Materials you will need:

Candle mold
Melting pot
Thermometer for the wax
Braided wick
Translucent votive/pillar wax
Colored wax chunks
Scent
A suitable work area
A stove or hot plate
A pot for water (to double boil the wax)



Step 1

Prepare your work area - gather your materials - fill the bottom part of your double boiler with water and place on the stove.

Step 2

Put all of the clear paraffin wax (save the colored chunks for later) in your melting pot. Clip your thermometer on the side of the melting pot. Put the melting pot in the double boiler and start heating. Add water to the bottom of the double boiler if necessary while heating the wax. Take care not to get any water in your mold or wax - it will ruin your candle.

Step 3

Place the braided wick through the hole in the mold and leave about 1" of wick outside the mold. Seal the hole on the outside of the mold with a piece of masking tape large enough to cover the wick and the hole to prevent the wax from leaking out. Attach the other end of the wick by tying or clipping it to a pencil at the open end of the mold. Be sure the pencil (or wooden dowel) is large enough to lay on top of the mold and not fall in. Adjust the pencil so that the wick is in the center of the mold. Put enough colored wax chunks in mold to fill it to the top, but not over the top making sure to keep the wick in the center of the mold. Filling the mold too high with chunks will cause an uneven bottom of the candle. Try to pack the chunks tightly so that you will see a lot of colors around the edge of the candle. When wax reaches 190 degrees you are ready to add the scent. If you do not want highly scented candles do not add the whole bottle, only add the amount that you want. Stir the wax with your thermometer to mix in the scent.

Step 4

Pour the wax into the mold slowly and evenly around the chunks in the mold. Save the leftover wax in the pot for later. Gently tap the sides of the mold, and allow 45 seconds for the air bubbles to rise.

Step 5

As the wax cools, it shrinks and creates a “pit” around the wick - this is normal. When the outside of your mold feels cool and there is a pit around the wick you are ready to “top off” the candles. Reheat the leftover wax to 190 degrees again and pour enough wax in the mold to fill the “pit” and create a nice smooth bottom on your chunk candle.

Step 6

Allow the candle to cool fully before attempting to remove from the mold. If the candle does not easily slide out of the mold, tap it gently on the counter or place it in a refrigerator for five to ten minutes then try removing it from the mold again. Never pry or scrape the wax out of the mold.

Step 7

Enjoy your candles! Watch them burn and enjoy the fragrance that you picked. Handmade candles also make great gifts. Your friends will enjoy receiving something that’s handmade and if the directions are followed properly you will have made candles that are a better quality than what you can buy in most stores!

A Note About Chunk Candles

Chunk candles are one of my most favorite to make because they are so versatile. You can pattern the colors of your chunks for a rainbow or stripe effect. You can color coordinate your outside wax with your chunks for special effects for example: black wax with orange chunks for Halloween, green and red chunks with white wax for Christmas, red and blue chunks with white wax for July 4th - the possibilities are endless. You can heat your outside wax up to 220 degrees and then pour - this will make the chunks melt slightly for a marbled effect. Use your imagination and have fun! Chunk candles are great!

I hope that you have had fun making your candles - I know I enjoy making candles more than just about anything! If you have any questions or need any supplies, feel free to contact me at any time!

Keep in touch too! I would love to hear how your candles turned out. Happy candle making!

Your Friend,
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