

Basic Tealights

You will need:

Tealight cups - metal or plastic
Pre-tabbed wicks
Production Single Pour Wax
Color block
Scent
A melting pot for wax
A thermometer
A pot for water (to double boil the wax)
A stove or hot plate
A suitable work area



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 wax 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

When wax reaches 180 degrees you are ready to add the color and scent. The color block included in this kit will dye about 10# of wax (depending on the color that you wish to achieve) so you will probably have leftovers after this project is finished. Using a knife or grater, shave off small amounts of the color block and add them to your wax. It's better to start with small amounts of the dye block because you can always add more to reach your desired color. Stir the wax with your thermometer until the color is well dissolved. You can test your color by putting a drop of wax on a white piece of paper. Keep in mind that when the wax is hardened it will appear lighter than it looks in the melting pot and darker than it appears on the white piece of paper. Once you have the color that you want it's time to add the whole bottle of scent. If you do not want highly scented candles do not add the whole bottle, only add the amount that you want. Stir the scent again with your thermometer.

Step 4

Pour the wax into the tealight cups but smoothly. Save some wax in the pot for later. When the wax appears "cloudy" (within 1-5 minutes after pouring), place a pre-tabbed wick in the center of each mold. Chances are the bottom of the mold will feel tacky and be able to hold the wick in place.

Step 5

As the wax cools, it shrinks and creates a small "pit" around the wick - this is normal. You can reheat the leftover wax to 180 degrees again and pour enough wax in the mold to fill the "pit" and create a nice smooth top on your candle. This is not really necessary unless the pit is large enough to impair the way the candle burns. Keep adjusting the wick so that it is centered as the wax hardens..

Step 6

Allow the candle to cool fully before burning.

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!

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,
Cindy Novack

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