

Embedded Object Candles

You will need:

2 aluminum molds that are approx. 1" in diameter different

Braided wick

Translucent Wax

Scent

A melting pot for the wax

A thermometer

A pot for water (to double boil the wax)

A stove or hot plate and 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 a block of hassle free votive/pillar 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

Place the braided wick through the hole in the smaller 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. You can also use rubber plugs or plumbers putty to seal the mold. 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. When wax reaches 180 degrees you are ready to add the scent. Add approx. 1/3 of the bottle of scent.

Step 4

Pour the wax into the mold slowly and evenly 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 180 degrees again and pour enough wax in the mold to fill the "pit" and create a nice smooth bottom on your candle.

Step 6

Allow the candle to cool fully before attempting to remove from the mold. If the candle does not eas-

ily 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

Now take your finished candle and place it in the center of the larger mold. Put the wick through the wick hole and seal the mold again to prevent leaks. Arrange your objects (seashells, coffee beans, flowers, potpourri etc.) between the mold and the candle inside. Heat your hurricane wax to approx. 200 to 210 degrees. You may need to remove your melting pot from the double boiler and place it on direct heat to obtain this temp. Please be careful when heating wax directly and always stir your mixture and check the temperature. Add another 1/3 oz. of scent to the hurricane wax just before pouring. Stir your wax and then pour the hurricane wax slowly and evenly around the objects. You may not need to re-pour the translucent wax depending on the items that you are embedding. Remove your candle from the mold when it is cool.

Step 8

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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