

## Candlemaking Starter Kit – Instructions for Making Container Candles

1. Preheat your containers to around 150°. You can do this by putting the jars in the oven while your wax is melting. (The lowest temperature setting may be around 170°, which is fine.)
2. Weigh out the amount of wax you need. One pound at a time will probably work best in the small pouring pot included with the kit. This will make about 3 jars. To cut the wax, you can use a butter knife or putty knife since it is so soft.
3. Heat wax in double boiler to 170 - 180°. You can simply put the pouring pot into a pan that has water in it, and this will create a double boiler. (You should use an old pan that you are not particular about.)
4. Add the desired amount of fragrance. For this kit you will need to use  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounce per pound in order to have enough scent for all of the containers. One ounce per pound is considered double scenting and the wax will hold as much as 1.5 ounces per pound if you choose. Weighing your fragrance is the most accurate way to determine how much to add. If your scale is not accurate enough to weigh out 1 ounce, you can also measure by tablespoons. 2T = 1 oz
5. Add desired amount of dye. Adding  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 dye block will achieve a dark shade of that color.
6. Remove from heat source.
7. Stir thoroughly to mix in the fragrance and dye (about 3 - 5 minutes).
8. Remove the jars from the oven, and secure the wicks in the bottom using the included Glue Dots. Inserting the wick into a straw or the hollowed out shaft of a pen to secure them will allow you to press them in more firmly. The jars will be hot to the touch, so be careful!
9. Slowly fill each jar with your wax mixture. Fill only to the widest part of the jar. (Don't fill into the smaller neck of the jar or it can cause the top to sink or a hole to form by the wick.)
10. Carefully put the wick bars in place, and slide the wick into the slit. Don't pull up on the wick too firmly or the glue can release.
11. Set them aside and wait for them to cool completely. Make sure there are no fans or air vents blowing directly on them. You don't want to accelerate the cooling process.
12. You can then trim your wick to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, and put the lid and any labels on the jar. It is highly recommended to add the included caution labels as well.