

Candle Making Starter Kit – Instructions for Making Pillar Candles

1. **Weigh out the amount of wax you need.** About 35 ounces of wax at a time will make 1 of the 4 x 6 pillars.
2. **Heat wax in a double boiler to 175-185°F.** 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.)*
3. **To use the mold plug, you will need to snip a small piece off the tip of it.** A utility knife or fingernail clippers will work well. Be careful not to cut off too much or you will not be able to insert the plug into the mold. Take the wicking and cut a piece about 8-10 inches long then thread it through the hole in the bottom of the mold. Make sure you leave about 1-2 inches sticking out at each end. Insert the mold plug in the hole at the bottom of the mold; the plug should fit snugly in the hole with the wick. It is a good idea to have the mold sitting in a pan or something that will not be damaged if a small amount of wax leaks from the bottom.
4. **Once the temperature reaches 175-185°F, add the desired amount of fragrance.** For this kit you will need to use ¾ ounce per pound in order to have enough scent for approximately 5 pillars. One ounce per pound is considered double scenting and this is about the most fragrance the pillar wax will hold. 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 = 1oz
5. **Add desired amount of dye.** Adding ¼ of 1 dye block will achieve a dark shade of that color. *(Be careful not to use too much dye as it can clog your wick.)*
6. **Remove wax from heat source.**
7. **Stir thoroughly to mix in the fragrance and dye.** Usually, 3-5 minutes is enough but if you can still see the fragrance oil floating separately from the wax, keep stirring!
8. **Take the temperature of the wax again and make sure it is 175-180°F.** Then, slowly pour the wax into the mold and fill it completely. There will be wax left in your pouring pot that will be used for the second pour. Let that harden in the pouring pot and it can be re-melted later.
9. **As the wax cools, you will have to poke relief holes to release the pressure that builds up in the candle.** If this step is skipped, there will likely be a void in the center of the candle. A skewer works well for this. As the wax forms a skin across the top, use the skewer to poke a dime sized hole in the candle. Go about ¾ down the candle, and make sure not to hit the sides or it can scar the candle. You may have to do this a couple of times as it's cooling.
10. **Once the wax has completely cooled (it may take a few hours), melt down the extra wax.** Make sure the wax reaches 175-185°F. Carefully fill the sink hole making sure it does not overflow. Make sure you keep the second pour even with the original pour level.
11. **Once the second pour has completely cooled, remove the candle from the mold.** If you have trouble with it sticking to the mold, you can put it in the freezer for a few minutes to help the wax release.
12. **Trim the wick on the top and bottom of the candle.** Make sure you trim the wick on top to about ¼ of an inch, trim the wick on bottom flush to the base of the candle.
13. **Add the pillar caution label included in the kit and any packaging items that you choose to use.**