

## Candle Making with Paraffin Wax

### STEP ONE:

#### Caution

This project does require you to take a few safety and spillage precautions. Wax is very hard to clean up from counters. In order to help with cleanup, use as few tools as possible, and cover your work space in newspaper. Wax is flammable, for this reason, it's very important that you don't use any setting higher than medium on your stove, and use a thermometer if possible.

### STEP TWO:

#### What you'll need

Wax (pictured right) – Paraffin Wax Slab or Beads.  
Wicks (pictured right) – A pack of 5 or 20 depending on how many you intend to make. For colouring use a Crayon, if you would like a scented candle you can use vanilla extract and olive oil, purchase Candle Fragrance or make your own scents. You will need a Double boiler (Or two nesting pots, like you would melt chocolate) a knife, Moulds (you could use a old can or glass jar, or make your own with high temperature silicone) and a mixing spoon.



### STEP THREE:

#### Preparation

Turn on your double boiler, and if you have a large block of wax, rest the wax over the boiler. This way, it will soften, and be easier to cut. Lay out newspaper over your work space. Take the wax off, and cut a chunk off, use the double boiler to melt that chunk of wax. As the wax melts, prepare your moulds. If you are using something like glass as a mould, rub the inside with oil on a paper towel, this will make it easier to remove the candle.

### STEP FOUR:

#### Additives

Now add your crayon and your scent (if you are making coloured and scented candles) Mix in well.

### STEP FIVE:

#### Pour the Wax

Use the double boiler to pour wax into each mould, or you can spoon it out using a ladle. Place your wick in the centre of the candle hold it in place with a peg as per picture. Place your candle/candles into the fridge this will speed up the cooling process. When they have hardened, either peel off the mould, or slip out the candle (depending on your mould) Or if you are using glass you can leave them in as per picture.



### STEP SIX:

#### Clean up

Wax spills are inevitable. One of the best ways to clean them up is to heat the wax with a hair dryer once runny wipe away with paper towel. Your tools are going to be hard to clean up, use hot water, and use a rough brush to scrub it off.

