

West Kootenay Beekeepers Candle Making Kit

Together, as members of the West Kootenay Beekeepers, we are the proud owners of a pretty fantastic candle making kit.

Included in this kit is silicon moulds, wicks, wick holders, and elastics). Everything you need to make beautiful beeswax candles! All you need to supply is your own beeswax, and safe place to melt and pour your wax.

Things to know:

- Seven day use with the possibility of renewal if there is no one on the wait list (contact Laena if you wish to “renew”)
- You are welcome to “check out” any number of moulds as you like
- Please return the candle moulds and equipment in the same fashion as when you borrowed them (keeping them clean and in good shape will insure we have them to enjoy as a club for many years!)
- Be sure to leave the wick size label on the strand of wick, and cut from the end without the label
- Any damaged or lost moulds/equipment will need to be replaced by the individual
- See Attachment to determine proper wick size for each mould
- Feel free to contact Laena with any questions/inquiries during your candle making process
- Have fun!

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Cube Honey Candle Mold
Recommended wick size: 2mm



Bee's Cylinder Candle Mold
Recommended wick size: 3x16



Christmas Tree with Stars
Candle Mold
Recommended wick size: 3x10



Snowflake Ball Candle Mold
Recommended wick size: 3x10



Pyramid Christmas Tree Candle
Mold
Recommended wick size: 3x13





Making your own beeswax candle step-by-step:

You will need:

- » a silicon mould,
- » a wick (with appropriate thickness i.e. the larger candle, the thicker wick)
- » a rubber band
- » a toothpick
- » silicone (spray) - optional

You can spray the mould from inside with silicone to make it easier to take it out afterwards if the pattern is more complex.

How to use a mould – TIPS:

-  To make removing the candle out of the mould easier, spray the mould with spray
-  Thread the wick through the mould before filling it with wax, make sure it is stretched properly
-  Tie a string around the mould or put some rubber bands on before filling it with wax
-  Use liquid wax of the temperature of around 50 degrees Celsius



1. Preparing the mould

If we intend to cast the candle with a complex pattern, it is recommended to spray it from inside with silicone – this will make it easier to remove it once the whole process has been completed. Cut the wick of appropriate length (it has to be longer than the mould itself) and thread it through the inside of the candle. The next step is to put the rubber bands onto the mould followed by sticking the toothpick into the wick's ending and stretching it properly.



2. Filling the mould with wax

It is recommended to melt the wax in the pot (enamelled). Prior to filling the mould, make sure that the wax has got an appropriate temperature – around 60 degrees Celsius is recommended. It must neither be too hot nor too cold. Pour the wax in gently, making sure it gets into all mould's pockets. The time needed for the wax to set depends on the size of the mould.



3. Removing a candle from the mould

Once the wax has set and become cold, take the rubber bands off, open the mould and gently remove the candle followed by taking the toothpick off. Cut the wick off at the bottom and leave around 1 cm of wick on the top. The last part of 'making the candle' is to finish it off with a knife – cutting all sticking-out parts at the bottom and dipping the wick into the fluid wax.

Once done, candles may be decorated by using special wax markers; more advanced users can use 'decoupage' technique or natural products such as coffee beans.