

TAKE AND MAKE KITS

Beeswax Candles



The supplies included in this kit are:

- Cotton Wick
- Beeswax Sheet

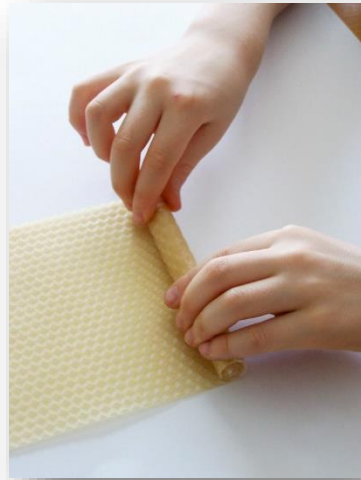
You'll need these items to start

- Craft mat or cutting board
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pizza cutter or utility knife
- Hair dryer to gently warm the wax if necessary

You can watch a video of these instructions on the library's Youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JJI-lsJLtk>

Program

1. Cut a beeswax sheet in half, making two pieces about 4" x 4 ¼".
2. Cut the wick about ½" longer than each beeswax sheet.
3. Lay the wick along the edge of the sheet and start rolling the candle by bending over about 1/8" of the wax, leaving the extra ½" of wick for the top of the candle. Press tightly to secure the wick. This is the only time you will press really hard.



4. As you begin to roll, apply gently pressure as you push the rolled candle forward. Make sure to use even pressure so that both ends of the candle are straight and even.
5. Continue until you reach the end of the wax sheet and gently press the edge into the candle. When you are done use light pressure to make sure the candle is round, but be careful not to press too hard, which might damage the honeycomb pattern.
6. Trim the wick to $\frac{1}{4}$ " before lighting.

Burning candles safely

Beeswax candles burn clean and bright! Keep the wick trimmed to $\frac{1}{4}$ " for even burning. Never leave a burning candle unattended. Keep candles out of reach from children and pets. Keep burning candles away from ceiling fans and drafts. Extinguish a candle if it smokes, flickers repeatedly, or the flame becomes too high.

Other fun ideas

Cut sheets at an angle to make tapered candles.
Use metal cookie cutters to make theme candles or ornaments.
Use scraps to make smaller candles.



For more ideas on what you can do with beeswax candles, try visiting these websites:

- <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/rolled-beeswax-candles-517038>
- <https://www.playfullearning.net/resource/diy-hand-rolled-beeswax-candles/>

You can also check out this e-book on Hoopla, which is free to use with your library card:

- Candle Making Basics by Varius Authors: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12451495>
- Creative Candle Making by Meredith Mennitt: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/13317138>

If you want to see some more candle making, check out this video from our database Creativebug:

- <https://www.creativebug.com/classseries/single/teacup-candles-1-9-18>

What next?

Now that you know the basics of beeswax candles, next we will try making candles from scratch. Stay tuned for more Take and Make Kits.

