

# Candle Making Starter Kit – Instructions for Making Votive Candles

1. **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 8 votive candles.
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. **Add the desired amount of fragrance.** For this kit you will need to use ¾ ounce per pound in order to have enough scent to make approximately 80 2 ounce votives. Once ounce per pound considered double scenting and this is about the most fragrance the votive 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
4. **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.)*
5. **Remove wax from heat source.**
6. **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!
7. **Check to make sure the wick pins are standing up straight as they may get slightly off center during shipping.** Insert the wick pins into the votive molds.
8. **Slowly fill each votive mold to the desired height.** Be careful not to over fill them. When they have completely cooled, you will have to fill in the dip that is created from cooling. You will be able to fill 8 molds with the wax you have melted and still have some left over. You will use the extra wax in the next step.
9. **Once the wax votives have cooled (it may take about an hour), re-melt the extra wax in the pouring pot.** Heat this wax to around 180°F and carefully fill the sinkholes. Only fill them to be level with your original pour line or you will be able to see a seam on the side of the candle.
10. **Set them aside and wait for the second pour to cool completely.**
11. **Remove the wick pin and insert the wick through the hole that is left.** When removing the pin, you may have to hold the candle and tap the pin against a hard surface to help loosen it from the wax. When you insert the wick you will have to firmly press the wick tab into the bottom of the candle.
12. **Add the votive caution label included in the kit and any packaging items that you choose to use.**