



Candle Making Tips

Candle making is a fairly inexpensive endeavor, and it can offer very unique rewards. StoveScents by Condar are a wonderful match, creating long lasting fragrant candles suitable for everyday use!

Paraffin Wax:

1. Paraffin wax is the best candle base to use; the ratio of scent to wax is completely based on personal preference. Paraffin wax absorbs the scent so much better than soy based wax, and there is no need to worry about bleeding or oily pooling at the top of the candle once the wax has cooled.

2. A good ratio for those who are worried about mixing is:

One bottle of scent (1 fluid ounce) to five large votive candles.

This offers a good scent throw from the candle, even when it's not lit and burning.

3. Liquid Colorants do not affect the consistency of the wax when combined with the scents.

4. You can enjoy using your paraffin candle just an hour after making, as the set and cure times are minimal.

Soy Wax:

It is easier to clean up, and some feel that it burns cleaner than paraffin. But it is harder to get the candles to cure.

1. If using soy wax, the ratio of scent to wax is about 10 full droppers per votive candle.

2. Soy wax must be constantly stirred in order to maintain the consistency of the mixture, even between pours.

3. While liquid colorants can be used, they are not ideal. Dots of colorant may remain unmixed in the wax, even during stirring. This can result in candles that do not cure properly.

4. Soy wax takes longer to set and cure than paraffin does. You will need to allow at least 6+ hours for the candle to reach the desired hardness.