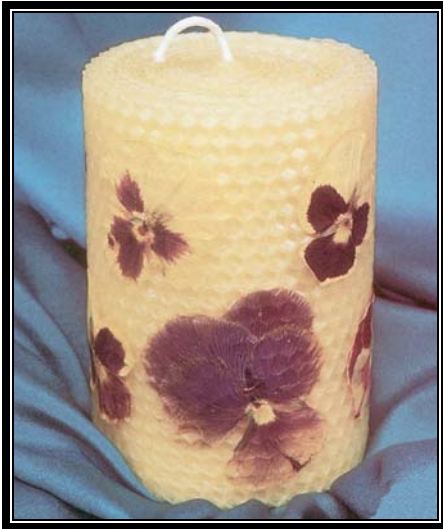


Activa 100% Beeswax

“Illuminated Memories”

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Nothing is more a part of our celebrations than candles – that special kind of light we bring to our memory making events. Beeswax is the cleanest burning of waxes and adds a special naturally home like scent. Its easy to work with and readily available. For this batch of special candles we pressed flowers – like the ones we have chosen for the special occasion. We have used the simple Activa Flower Press to flatten and preserve them and applied them to the hand rolled pillars.



Materials Needed

- Sheet beeswax – depending on size of finished candle at least 8” X 8” Larger sheets or more than one will be needed for larger candles.
- Braided Wick
- Pressed Flowers

Equipment

- Scissors
- Flower Press and Papers
- Hair Dryer
- Ruler
- Tablespoon (metal)
- Votive Candle and a match

Optional

- Trims
- Candle Glitter
- Beads and Studs (metal or glass recommended)
- Glue Stick

Step One: Select your flowers. Press to dry between sheets of drying paper. Layer into the flower press and tighten. Choose a color of wax that will allow your flowers to show off their splendor. You can roll your candles ahead and embellish with the pressed flowers afterwards when they have dried. Decide on the general shape and size of your candle.

Step Two: Candle shapes – the easiest shape to roll is a pillar. They all start out as a rectangle and can be as tall or short as you design concept desires. A thinner pillar will have less surface for flower – so a larger wider candle is recommended if you have flowers to accommodate. The next easiest shape is a taper – and while most are tall and slender they can be wider and more squat – forming almost a pyramid. All tapers are a theme and variation on a triangle – the longer the triangle the more gradual the tapering. (The hardest shapes are round or egg shapes – and even they aren’t too difficult – they are a series of decreasing equilateral triangles – only the final one has a point.)

Step Three: Cut your wax pieces. Cut a wick (or wicks if it is to be a very large wide candle with multiple burning points) about an inch taller than the candle is to be.

Step Four: place the wick at the widest point of the wax – about ¼ inch in from the edge. Press it gently into place. Heat the wax a very little with a hair dryer to encourage it to be flexible while rolling. Fold over the ¼” of wax and press firmly to encase the wick. Roll the candle. A tightly woven candle will burn much longer and more evenly than a loosely rolled one. If your wax seems to be stiff – heat it again with the hair dryer and continue rolling until you are done. Press the final edge into place – possibly heating it one last time to ensure the seam.

Step Five: Decorating: Time to add those flowers and any other accents you want. Flowers should be arranged according to taste – if desired – hold in place with a dot of glue or a pin until design is established and you are ready to mold them onto the candle. To apply the pressed flowers oam leaves – use the tablespoon – heat it either in the flame of a votive candle – exposing the “front” of the spoon to the flame – leaving the rounded “back” part clean. (The spoon can also be heated in the flame of a gas stove or with the hair dryer.) Gently rub the hot spoon over the flower against the rolled beeswax candle. The wax will soften – melting just enough to allow the pressed flower to imbed into the wall of the candle. The wax will slightly penetrate the flower giving it a protective layer.

Step Six: Optional Decoration. A light dusting of Activa Candle Glitter will add a gentle glow. Bead and studs can be poke into the wax. Both are significantly easier and more durable if the candle is heated a bit with the hair dryer. Take particular care if using ribbons, raffia or any other flammable decoration – keep them well away from the wick as when the candle is burned – they can catch fire and act as another wick. If the candles are for decorative purposes only – don’t worry about it – or remove the ribbons etc when finally burning the candles.

Never leave a burning candle unattended, alone with children or pets. Always use heat resistant surfaces to hold your candles and burn away from fabrics or other flammable materials. Keep wick trimmed to under ½” to control flame height. Pinch to snuff candles – never blow as molten wax can burn.