

# insta MOLD & Activa's 100% Beeswax



**"Candle Memories"**  
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## **Floating Flowers- Candle Memories**

The magic of candlelight floating serenely – on a bed of scented sand, water or even in the punch bowl. A perfect party statement or most romantic accent. Once you have made these you'll wonder why you ever entertained without them!



### **Materials:**

- Beeswax – chose natural for a warm honey scented glow or white.
- Wicking
- Instamold
- Firmly Formed Flower

### **Equipment:**

- Hot pot or double boiler for melting wax (NEVER melt wax over direct heat – its flammable!)
- Candy or Candle thermometer
- Whisk or beater
- Bowl
- Measuring cup
- Container larger and deeper than the flower
- Scissors
- Large spoon or ladle

### **Optional:**

Display materials for floating candles – a low or open bowl; Sand Scents scented colored sand; glass or metal beads for accents. Bubble-B-Gone surface preparation for a smoother mold and casting.

**Step One:** Making the Mold: read the Instamold directions completely. Prepare all materials BEFORE you begin – the

Instamold will set up almost suddenly – and if you are not prepared – you will have to repeat these steps. It is important to **add the Instamold gradually to the water** while beating to keep it smooth. The Instamold will look too thin – DO NOT ADD MORE. Immerse the flower and allow the Instamold to set. When firm – gradually loosen the mold from the flower – ( IF you should tear the mold – do not worry it will still work for casting the wax flowers) – remove the flower and discard. Set mold aside.

**Step Two:** Melt the beeswax. Break it up to hasten melting. Melt over low heat or over hot water in a separate container (like a double boiler) If using a thermometer – you want the beeswax to be between 180° and 200° F – for most cases you can just wait until the wax is completely melted and clear and be fine. To ensure no bubbles or pits on the surfaces of your candles – spray the inside of the mold with Bubble-B-Gone before pouring in the wax. Cut wick a little longer than the depth of the candle – poke the wick down into the mold at the point where you want the wick to be centered – keeping some above the bottom (now the top 0 of the hole that is the mold.

Slowly add wax being sure to get it into all the crevasses and fill the mold completely –as it cools and hardens you may want to add more wax as it will shrink some in cooling. When the candle is cooled – remove from the mold – same as you did with the flower – only the candle will be very durable. This is easiest by pulling the mold away from the candle to loosen – then manipulate the candle to free it from the mold. Molds are reusable. Store in a zip lock plastic bag in the refrigerator between sessions.

**Step Three:** Use a sharp knife to trim the candle if required. Cut away excess wick at the bottom of the candle. Candles can be decorated with beads, painted by adding a candle, painting medium to acrylic paint or using spray floral designer colors.

**Step Four:** Display candles nestled into a bed of Sand Scents scented colored sand or float on the surface of any non-flammable liquid.

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 1/2" to control flame height. Pinch to snuff candles – never blow as molten wax can burn.

