HOW TO MAKE FLOWER CANDLES

What You Will Need – Supplies:

·        [Molding Candle Wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527)

·        [Color Dye Chips](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152)

·        [Candle Fragrance](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_129) (optional)

·        [21 Ply Flat Waxed Wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821), or [wick suitable for the size of candle you are making](http://www.candlehelp.com/?content=wick)

·        [Steamer Pot](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2042) or old Sauce Pan to create a double boiler

·        [Standard Size](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2040) or [Small Size Melting Pot](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2041) with pour spout

·        Waxed Paper

·        Cookie Sheet or Square Cake Tin, rectangular or square

·        [Wood Stir Sticks](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/2307), chopsticks, or something else to stir the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527)

·        [Thermometer](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2043)

·        [Scissors](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2050)

·        [Craft Knife](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2051)

Overall Process

In a quick overview, what you will be doing is pouring [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) so that it creates thin flat sheets, and while the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) is still warm and pliable, [cutting](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2051) it into petal shapes, wrapping the petal shapes around a [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821) and then layering on more petals to create a flower.

Melting the Wax

Since your ultimate goal here will be to have your [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) cool from a liquid to a sort of cookie-dough consistency, you don’t need to heat your [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) up to[190 degrees](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2043) as with most other candles. Just see that it is liquid. The lower the [temperature](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2043) it is when your pour it into sheets, the faster it will cool for you. A good target t[emperature](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2043) is [150 to 155 degrees F](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2043).

  Fill the bottom part of your double boiler (the [steamer pot](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2042) or the deep sauce pan) with about two inches of cool water, and place on the burner set to high temperature. Place pieces of [139 degree Molding Candle Wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) to be melted into the [melting pot with a pouring spout](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2040), set the [melting pot](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2040) in the water, and attend to it as the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) liquefies. (When the water begins to boil, turn the heat down to medium low or low.) When the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) is entirely liquid (i.e., when there are no solid chunks any longer in the [pot](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2040)) you have successfully melted the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527).

Adding Dye

After the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) is entirely melted, add your [candle dye](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152). Each of our [diamond shaped dye chips](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152) colors 1 lb of [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527). Use more or less [candle dye](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152) for lighter or darker colored candles. Drop a [dye chip](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152) (or part of a [dye chip](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152)) into the melted [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527), and [stir](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2307) until the [dye chip](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152) is entirely dissolved into the liquid [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527).

Adding Fragrance

After you have melted your [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) and added candle dye, you can add candle fragrance to your [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527). The standard ratio for our [candle fragrance oils](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_129) is one ounce of [fragrance oil](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_129) per 1 lb of [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527). Use more or less [fragrance](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_129) for lighter or heavier scented candles. Add the candle [fragrance](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_129) to the melted and [colored](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_128_152) [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) in the [melting pot](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2040), and [stir](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2307) thoroughly to get even distribution of the [candle fragrance](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/default.php?cPath=123_129).

Creating Thin Wax Sheets

Using a large spoon or a soup ladle, pour a small quantity of liquid [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) on to the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) paper in the cookie sheet or cake tin. Use the back of the spoon or ladle to smooth the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) and coax it into a rough square. Pour the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) only about ¼” deep, or less, to create thin [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) sheets.

Cut the Wick

While your [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) sheet is cooling, [cut](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2050) a length of [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821) about 2 to 3” long.

Prepare to Cut Shapes

When your [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) is nearing the phase where you will be able to work with it, remove it from the cookie sheet. To do this, grasp two corners of the wax paper lining the cookie sheet and lift it out of the pan.  You can wave it in the air a little to get it to cool to a cookie-dough consistency more quickly. Lay the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) on your [cutting](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2051) surface and peel the wax paper off.

Cutting Shapes

[Cut](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2051) out petal and leaf shapes from the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) using your [craft knife](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php?products_id=2051).

Creating the Flower

Taking the [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821) in one hand and a [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) petal in the other, wrap the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) petal around the center of the [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821), pinching one end of the petal into the [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821)as you roll. This end will be the “stem” of the flower, the end that floats in water. Use your fingers to pinch and flare the other end outwards, as a petal would flare. This first petal creates the center of your floating rose.

Take another [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) petal and, overlapping the place where the last petal ended, wrap the new petal around the center of the flower. Use your fingers to flare the top of the new petal out at the top of the flower, and pinch it into the [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821) at the “stem” of the flower. Smooth it into the previous petal on the underside of the flower with your fingers, to blend it into the “stem” of the flower and create a bond with the previous [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) petal.

You now have two petals wrapped around your [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821). Continue to add [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) flower petals, each time flaring the top of the petal outward, and pressing the bottom of the petal into “stem”, smoothing it into the previous petals to create a bond that will stay when the [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527) has hardened. Add petals until you are satisfied with your flower.

You can add a leaf to your flower by placing the petal shape perpendicular to the other petals of the candle, like so.

When you are satisfied with your flower, trim the [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821) on the bottom (stem end) of the flower flush with the base. Use a small triangle of warm [wax](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/527)sheet and cover the [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821) at the bottom of the flower, smoothing the edges into the flower to create a seal. This is to keep water from soaking your [wick](http://www.nwcandlemaking.com/product_info.php/products_id/821) or seeping into the flower while it is floating in water.