

Sand Candles

Saucepan
Basin
Ladle

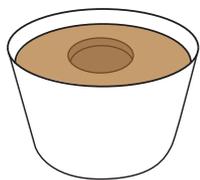
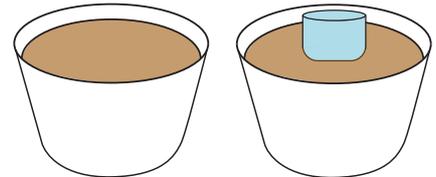
Cooker
Wax
Sand

Wick
Spoon
Lolly stick

Add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of water in a tub full of dry sand and mix in completely. The less water you use, the thicker the outside of the sand candle will be. Since all sand is different, you will have to experiment with the volume of water to make your candle successfully.

Use a small jar or anything that is solid enough to make an impression (the size you want to make your candle) in the sand.

Push the jar firmly into the centre of the sand in your container until you have the size impression you wish to make your candle.

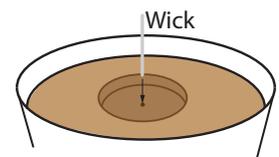


This is what the impression should look like after you have pressed the jar into the sand.

To position the wick, take a dibber that is about the same width as your wick and make a hole in the sand in the middle of the impression.

Place the wick in the hold and bed it firmly at the bottom.

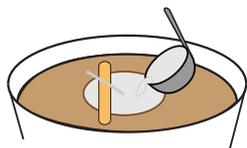
Dip the wick into the melted wax to coat it before using it in your candle. Set aside to harden.



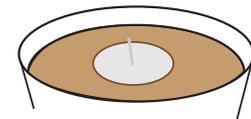
Using the ladle, dip it into the melted wax then pour it slowly and carefully into the impression you made in the sand.

As the wax soaks into sand, you have to add more wax until it completely fills the impression you made in the sand.

Make sure that the wick is supported upright with a lolly stick (or similar).



When the wax has hardened enough for the wick to stand on its own, remove the lolly stick.

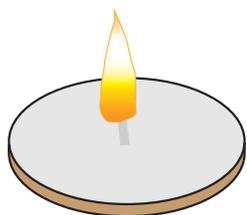


Using a spoon, dig out the candle and lightly brush the loose sand off the candle.

Wash the remnant sand off of the candle. Be careful not to wet the wick. There will still be a layer of sand present, this is the sand that soaked into the candle when you poured the wax into the impression and it hardened in the sand.

Trim the wick to at the top of the candle.

It is now ready to light.



To melt the wax

Partially fill a saucepan with water and place a basin into the water making sure that the bottom of the basin does not touch the bottom of the saucepan.

Place this onto the heat.

Place the pieces of wax into the basin and let them melt keeping check on it at all times.