

Granulated Wax Candle Making



Want to create a candle in just a few minutes without melting wax? Want a parent/child project that is safe (no heating required), fun, and amazingly creative? Granulated Wax (also known as “wax art crystals”) is the wax for you! Parent supervision is required.

Before you begin making granulated wax candles, you need to get the following supplies ready:

- Natures Garden Granulated Wax
- Natures Garden Spectrum Liquid Candle Dyes (colors of your choice)
- Glass containers
- Glue gun/Glue sticks
- Candle Wicks (pretabbed and prewaxed)
- Natures Garden Fragrance Oils (your choice)
- Several wooden skewers
- Several gallon sized zip lock bags

Are you ready to have some serious fun? Get ready to let your imagination run wild!

1. Get your glass containers ready by securing and centering your wicks to the bottom of your containers using a hot glue gun. Press down on the wick tabs with a wooden skewer to make sure that the wicks are stabilized.

2. If the length of your wicks are way too long for your container, go ahead and trim your wicks; leaving at least 1 ½” of wick above your container.

3. Weigh out your granulated wax. For every pound of granulated wax, you will use 1 oz. of fragrance oil. I usually make 1 pound batches at a time because I like to make candles that have numerous color layers of granulated wax.

4. In a gallon zip lock bag, combine the liquid candle dye color of your choice with the fragrance of your choice. Each bag will contain its own color/fragrance mix. Since I make 1 pound batches in each zip lock bag, you will want to add 1 oz. of fragrance oil to your liquid candle dye. Never use food coloring, never use melted candle blocks, never use melted crayons, and never use liquid soap dyes.

5. Now, add 1 pound of granulated wax (unmelted) to each of the bags you prepared. I like to make rainbow layers candles, so I make a bag of each of these colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet. Seal each bag tightly, and shake each bag; mixing the wax, fragrance, and color really well.

6. Start with the colored wax of your choice, and begin adding the colored/scented wax to your containers. If you plan to layer your colors, make sure that you leave room for your next layer. Make sure that you keep your wicks straight while you are filling your containers.

7. Continue adding the other colored wax layers the same way until your container is almost full.

8. Want to create a tie die look? Take one of your wooden skewers along the glass inside of your jars, and draw lines going down. Gently tap your container on the counter once you have drawn the lines. The colored wax from one layer will fall into these lines.

9. Trim your wicks to ¼” above the height of your wax. Light your candles and enjoy!

Granulated wax can also be melted and regular paraffin candles can be made. The steps to follow:

1. Prepare your glass containers by attaching wicks to the bottom of the glass with a glue gun.

2. Melt granulated wax to 175 degrees using a double boiler method. (A large pot filled ½ ways with water; pouring pot placed in pot and wax added).

3. Add liquid candle dye of your choice. Stir well.

4. Add 1 ounce of fragrance per pound of wax, and pour melted wax into containers at 165 degrees.

5. Straighten your wicks so they will stay in place while the candle is setting up. You can do this by laying a barber’s comb across the top of the candle and using the teeth of the comb to keep your wicks where you want them. You can also lay two wooden skewers across the top of your containers and secure your wicks between them.

6. Allow candles to set up. If you notice any type of sink hole, you will want to fill the sink hole in by doing a second pour.

7. Allow candle to cure for 2 days, trim your wicks to ¼” above the wax, and then burn.

These candles are great for fundraisers! Use a school’s colors; get a copy of their mascot artwork. Make a label with their mascot and school name and adhere to the front of your containers. Layer your containers with the school colors. Make sure that these candles have lids. If they fall over, you will have colored wax all over the place. Warning: colored granulated wax can stain your clothes, and anything that it comes into contact with. Prepared granulated wax contains colored dyes and fragrance oils which can be hazardous if ingested.



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