

Candles



Leave a candle burning this holiday season!

A candle burning in the window during the holiday season used to symbolize hospitality. Continue on this tradition with DIY flames!

Supplies:

- Eighteen (18) strips of colored wax, four inches (4") by one half inch (.5")
- Three (3) wicks, approximately one and one half inch long (1.5")
- Scissors
- Hairdryer (optional)

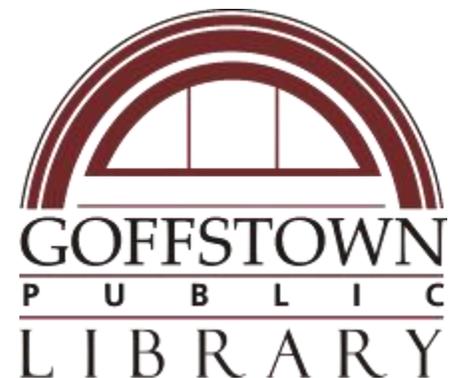
Instructions:

1. Cover your work surface to protect it from the wax.
2. If using a hairdryer, warm the beeswax slightly. Properly warmed beeswax will be pliable but not fragile.
3. Lay the wick along the one half inch (.5") side of the wax. Line up the bottom of the wick with the bottom of the wax strip. **(Fig. 1).**
4. Fold the wax over the wick as in **Figure 2.**
5. Continue to roll the wax over the wick so that it forms a cylinder **(Fig. 3).** Keep the wax tight around the wick. The tighter the candle is, the better the wick will burn. Roll until only one half inch (.5") remains.
6. Overlap another beeswax strip with the remaining one half inch (.5") as in **Figure 4.**
7. Repeat steps five (5) and six (6) until you have used six (6) beeswax strips.
8. To finish the candle, warm the remaining one half inch (.5") then roll the strip flush with the rest of your candle. Roll the candle like a wheel on your work surface to round it out.
9. Repeat steps two (2) through eight (8) for the remaining two (2) candles.
10. Before burning, trim the wick to one quarter inch (.25"). See the included *Candle Safety Rules* for more information.



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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

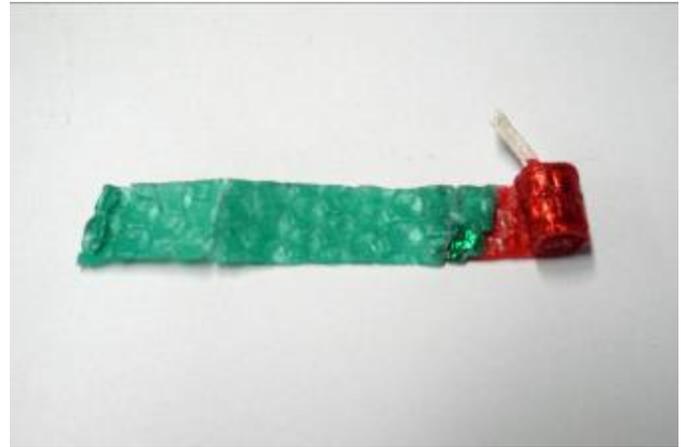


Figure 4



CANDLE FIRE SAFETY RULES

- **Always keep a burning candle within sight.** Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or before going to sleep. Be sure the wick ember is no longer glowing
- **Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire.** Keep burning candles away from furniture, drapes, bedding, carpets, books, paper, flammable decorations, etc.
- **Keep burning candles out of the reach of children and pets.**
- **Trim candlewicks to ¼ inch each time before burning.** Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning and dripping.
- **Always use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use.** The holder should be heat resistant, sturdy, and large enough to contain any drips or melted wax.
- **Be sure the candleholder is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.** This can help prevent heat damage to underlying surfaces and prevent glass containers from breaking.
- **Keep the wax pool free of wick trimmings, matches and debris at all times.**
- **Always read and follow the manufacturer's use and safety instructions carefully.** Don't burn a candle longer than the manufacturer recommends.
- **Keep burning candles away from drafts, vents, ceiling fans and air currents.** This will help prevent rapid, uneven burning, and avoid flame flare-ups and sooting. Drafts can also blow nearby lightweight items into the flame where they could catch fire.
- **Always burn candles in a well-ventilated room.** Don't burn too many candles in a small room or in a "tight" home where air exchange is limited.
- **Don't burn a candle all the way down.** Extinguish the flame if it comes too close to the holder or container. For a margin of safety, discontinue burning a candle when 2 inches of wax remains or ½ inch if in a container.
- **Never touch or move a burning candle or container candle when the wax is liquid.**
- **Never use a knife or sharp object to remove wax drippings from a glass holder.** It might scratch, weaken, or cause the glass to break upon subsequent use.
- **Place burning candles at least three inches apart from one another.** This helps ensure they don't melt one another, or create their own drafts to cause improper burning.
- **Use a snuffer to extinguish a candle.** It's the safest way to prevent hot wax splatters.
- **Never extinguish candles with water.** The water can cause the hot wax to splatter and might cause a glass container to break.
- **Be very careful if using candles during a power outage.** Flashlights and other battery-powered lights are safer sources of light during a power failure.
- **Extinguish a candle if it repeatedly smokes, flickers, or the flame becomes too high.** The candle isn't burning properly. Cool, trim the wick, then check for drafts before relighting.
- **Never use a candle as a night light.**