

Care and use of rubber moulds for casting wax candles

1. Place the open end of the mould on a piece of thick card and lightly draw around it with a pencil or pen. Take a pair of scissors and cut 3 mm inside this line, making a smaller hole than you have drawn. This allows you to use the card to suspend the mould in your cold water container. (or use our adjustable rubber mould holder!)
2. Spray inside of mould with silicone spray before use - very light spray! this will aid release and life of mould. Thread wick through wicking needle and push through central point at top of mould. Take needle out leaving the excess of wick, loosely tie and knot, pull it back so it meets the surface of the rubber mould. After several uses the hole may enlarge and you may need to seal around the end with a small of piece wax or mould seal to prevent leakage. Support the other end of the wick across the opening with a wick holder, making sure the wick is central in the mould.
3. When the wax is ready to pour, suspend mould in a container of cold water. This will help maintain the shape of the mould and cool the wax quickly, this can also help the life of the mould. It is important to have the water as high up the mould as the wax will be.
4. Pour the molten wax into the mould. Lightly tap the rolled beaded end to assist any air pockets to escape. As the wax cools it will shrink and form a skin on top. After several minutes this skin should be broken and the mould filled up to the top with wax. Lightly tap again to remove any trapped air. Repeat until mould is full.
5. After the wax has cooled rub one or two drops of liquid soap on the outside of the mould. This will act as a lubricant to allow the mould to pass over itself quickly and easily during the de-moulding.
6. When you have finished with the mould wash it thoroughly inside and out with fresh water, making sure you remove any excess soap and allow to dry.
7. To prolong the life of your mould, when not in use store in a box or opaque bag to keep it out of the light. A light dusting of talcum powder or quick spray of silicone spray while stored will help.

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