



# CANDLE MAKING

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Candle making dates back more than **5000 years**



**35%** of Candle sales happen during the holiday season

**9 out of 10** Candles are purchased by Women



**More than 10,000 Scents**



Sold in Jars

**57%** Scented Candles



**7 out of 10** Homes use Candles



# CANDLE HISTORY

## IN THE BEGINNING

165 BC



**Hanukkah**

begins – 8 day celebration involving kindling lights

500 BC



**Romans**

made candles by continually dipping papyrus in tallow or bees wax

200 - 400 BC



In **China** candles were made from whale fat and later bees wax

200 BC



Used in Indian temples, candles were made by boiling cinnamon

## MIDDLE AGES



**Bees Wax** introduced as an alternative to **Tallow** – cleaner burning, better smelling, but more expensive



**13th Century AD**

Candle making becomes a guild craft in Europe. Candle Makers would go door to door making candles from left over kitchen fats or making & selling from small candle shops



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## 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ADVANCES

**1820** French chemist Michel Eugene Chevreul discovered how to extract stearic acid from animal fatty acids leading to the development of Stearin Candles

**1850**

Refining waxy substances that occur in Petroleum, **Paraffin** was cleaner was cleaner and more economical to produce



**1834**

Joseph Morgan's machine automates production of moulded candles



## 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY & TODAY



**1990's**

**Palm wax** is developed by milling the palm fruit and extracting the oil



Invented in **1992** by Michael Richards **Soy Wax** is created by rehydrogenating soybean oil

**Today** Candles of all shapes, sizes and fragrances have become a decor staple, enhancing events, creating a mood and soothing the senses

