

# How to Make Candles & Candle Making Ideas





## General Candle Making Instructions

Learn how to make candles with the below steps and common rules of thumb.

### Part 1: Estimate How Much Wax is Needed

We have determined that you can roughly estimate the amount of wax needed for your candle jar by filling it up two times to the top with dry wax flakes. Once it is melted down, it is usually enough for the melted wax to fill it slightly below the top.

### Part 2: Melt Wax

To prevent wax from burning, it is recommended to fill a pot or pan up with water and place it on the stove.

- Then pour the amount of wax needed for your candle jar in another pouring pot such as this one on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2E1PROF>
- Place this pouring pot in the other pot of water.
- Heat wax up on stove with medium heat until it completely turns into a liquid state. Clip the thermometer to the side with the probe as far down in the melted wax without touching the bottom of the pot. Heat the wax up to the specifications for your grade of wax (typically this is around 185 degrees F).

### Part 3: Pour Fragrance

Remove the pouring pot filled with wax from heat and pour your fragrance oil while stirring well. The amount of fragrance you may use depends on the wax brand and fragrance used. A common rule of thumb is roughly one 1 oz of fragrance for every 1 lb of wax used.

### Part 4: Allow Wax to Cool & Set Up Wick

Allow the wax to cool some. In the meantime, straighten wick, place it in the center and hold it at the top with a centering device such as popsicle sticks or a bowtie clip such as these: <https://amzn.to/2PVC3JX>

Occasionally check to see if the wax has cooled to the recommended pouring temperature for your wax (usually it is around 100 degrees F before pouring). Another rule of thumb is to pour the wax when it just starts to get a little cloudy which can take roughly 30-45 minutes for 1 lb of melted wax.

## **Part 5: Pour Wax**

Pour the wax slowly into the candle jar and reset the wick straight if it moved any.

Let it set overnight to cool. For best results, wait at least a few days before lighting the wick so the fragrance and wax can set.

## **Part 6: Trim Wick**

Cut wick to be roughly ¼" above the wax surface.

**Final Notes on Soy Wax:** there are some benefits to soy wax which makes it popular these days, but the downside is it is more prone to drying with crevices and frosting near the top. Pouring the wax at a low temperature can help reduce them slightly. To fix the rough surface, some folks resurface the top after it dries by melting it smooth with a heat gun.



## How to Cut Bottles, Etch or Paint Them & Make Candles!



**Learn how to make candles, décor or anything out of old wine, beer or liquor bottles.**

One of our favorite candle making projects to do is to make them out of old wine or beer bottles. The below tutorial discusses the steps we take to make them. We offer complete candle making kits with the bottle cutter here <https://amzn.to/2O1Dwg4> or we offer our premium bottle cutter sold individually through our brand, **Upcycle EZ-Cut Bottle Cutter** kits shown on Amazon here <https://amzn.to/2QdCwGR>.

The project below shows how to make a candle mixed with our hobby of glass etching and bottle cutting.

### Part 1: Cutting the Bottle

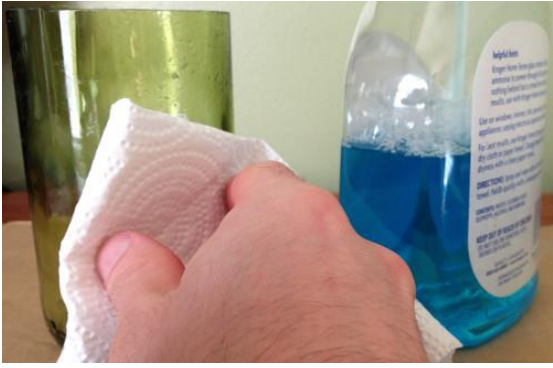


In the first step, assemble the bottle cutter kit by Upcycle EZ-CUT and read the detailed instructions included in that kit.

Overall, this process works by rolling the bottle over the scoring blade, heating up the score line with boiling water, a flame or heat gun and running cold water over it after so that it separates. Use the included sandpaper to sand the sharp edge smooth.

Before you score the bottle, be sure to do so above any bottle labels or remove them first with acetone or hot water.

## Part 2: Clean the glass



Start off by using a glass cleaner and a paper towel or rag to clean the surface of the glass as shown below. Be sure to wipe dry.

## Part 3: Peel off the stencil & Place on glass



Remove the stencil from the carrier sheet. If it does not lift easily, try not to break it. Instead run warm water over the stencil to soften it and try removing it. Be sure to remove any water after removed.



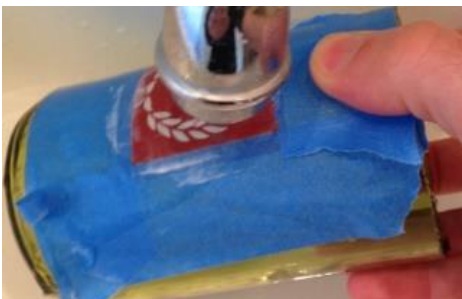
You may eyeball the stencil evenly in place or align it on the glass by measuring it and using a marker to mark where it should go.

## Part 4: Apply etching cream or paint (sandblasting can be used too)



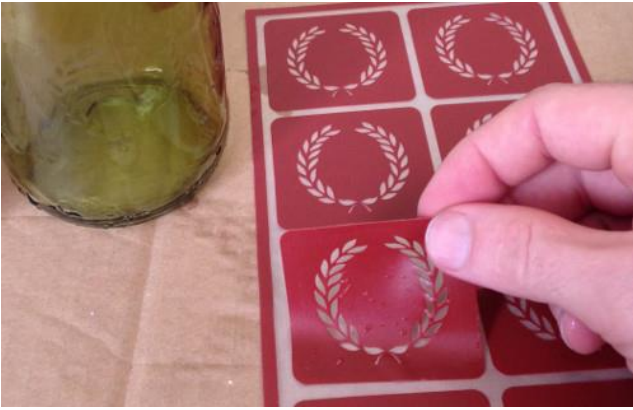
You can use a bristle brush, foam brush or even a popsicle stick to apply the cream. Just be sure to apply a thick coat over every part of the stencil so that it isn't visible. [Armour etch](#) now recommends that you only leave the cream on for 1 minute. [Etchall](#) recommends 15 minutes.

**Note:** You can also decorate with paint in this step instead. Our reusable stencils can also be used to etch with a light sandblasting process at low pressures and fine abrasive such as 180-220 grit.



Run water over the stencil to wash the cream off. I like to use my brush to help rub off the cream while rinsing which also helps clean both. Note: if you have a nice sink and don't want to risk etching it, you might want to use a basement laundry sink since many of those are concrete or plastic.

## Part 5: Remove the masking tape & stencil



Since the stencil is reusable, be sure to save it by placing it back on the carrier sheet.

## Part 6: Melt Wax



To prevent wax from burning, it is recommended to fill a pot or pan up with water and place it on the stove.

Then pour the amount of wax needed for your cut bottle in the provided pouring pot (included in some candle kits) or you can even use an empty food can and place this in the other pot of water.

Melt wax on stove with medium heat until it completely turns into a liquid state.

## Part 7: Mix in Fragrance



Remove the pouring pot filled with wax from heat and pour in your fragrance.

Stir well.



## Part 8: Allow Wax to Cool & Set Wick



Allow the wax to cool to around 100 degrees F before pouring. Otherwise, you can wait till the wax just starts to get a little cloudy which can take roughly 30-45 minutes.

In the meantime, straighten wick, place it in the center and slide the bowtie wick holder over the wick.

## Part 9: Pour Wax & Trim Wick



Pour the wax slowly into the cut bottle and let it set overnight to harden.



Cut wick to be roughly 1/4" above the wax surface.

For best results, wait at least a few days before lighting the wick so the fragrance and wax can set.





We provide both the bottle cutter, candle making & etching kits shown below. We also offer a large assortment of reusable, adhesive-backed stencils to etch or paint your candle with decorative designs.

## Bottle Cutter Kits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cut wine, beer or any type of bottles and jars.</li><li>• Turn them into décor etched projects or candles.</li><li>• Premium quality brand cuts perfectly.</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Buy from amazon.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">Buy from Amazon.com</a></p> 
<p>We have a few different models and kits available. See all of them on Amazon here: <a href="https://amzn.to/2QdCwGR">https://amzn.to/2QdCwGR</a></p>	

## Candle Making Kits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make amazing scented candles!</li><li>• Comes with everything you need to make candles.</li><li>• Simply cut bottle, melt wax on stove, mix fragrance in, set wick and pour!</li><li>• Fun craft projects that make great gifts!</li><li>• Etch the candle to personalize it.</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Buy from amazon.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">Buy from Amazon.com</a></p> 
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# Etching Kit



- All the basics needed to do simple glass etching!
- Great when used with our reusable stencils too.
- Includes etching cream, rub n' etching stencils, gloves, detail knife, brush, stirring stick, etc.

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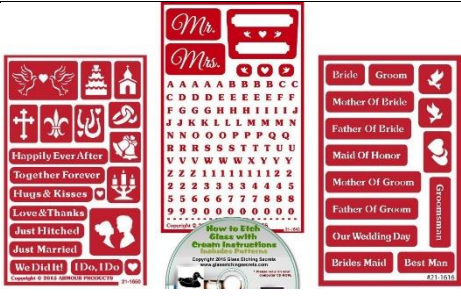
## Pre-Cut Stencils Available

We provide a wide-selection of pre-cut stencils in both one time use and multi-use. Since our multi-use stencils are the most popular, we will list all of those below. If you want to also see our one-time use stencils, you may search our Amazon store here: <http://amzn.to/1Pe63YT>

Below Stencils are Multi-Use under the Over N' Over Brand

### Over N' Over traits:

- reusable stencils
- Can be used for cream etching, painting, or light sandblasting (preferably fine grit such as 180-220).
- more durable and flexible
- adhesive backing can last up to 20-30 times
- See the instructions on using these stencils here: <http://www.glassetchingsecrets.com/over-n-over-instructions>



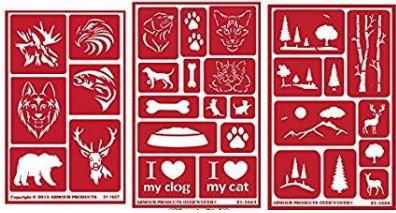
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**Halloween Stencils (2 Pack):**  
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**Kitchen stencils (2 Pack):**  
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**Wild & Domesticated Animal Stencils (Version 1):** <http://amzn.to/2s4Flr3>



**Wild & Domesticated Animal Stencils (Version 2):** <https://amzn.to/2QcJ9cs>



**Animal Variety (5 Pack):**  
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**Wildlife & Outdoors (4 Pack):**  
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Upper Case & Lower Case Letter Stencils with Crests: <http://amzn.to/2tXCCXt>



Upper Case, Lower Case & Tiny Letter Stencils: <https://amzn.to/2wTQI4y>



Multi Font Letter Stencil (5) Pack: <http://amzn.to/2s4iaTr>



Nautical Stencil (3) Pack version 1: <http://amzn.to/2tXu42D>



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Christmas Stencil (3) Pack: <http://amzn.to/2tCVifE>



Christmas Stencil (4) Pack: <http://amzn.to/2rKGCUD>



Christmas Stencil (5) Pack: <http://amzn.to/2t43h8e>





**Holiday 10 Pack Stencils:**  
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**Holiday 6 Pack Stencils:**  
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**Snow Fun:**  
<http://amzn.to/2t1xoNm>



**Holiday Baubles:**  
<http://amzn.to/2t0Hj69>



**Under the Sea:**  
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**Wild Things:**  
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**Christmas 2:**  
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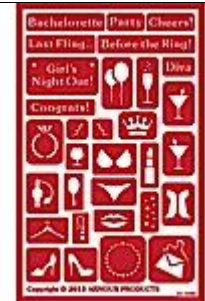
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