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## Candle Making

### I. Introduction

A. **Attention-Getter:** What comes to mind when you see candles? We associate candles with celebrations (like Christmas or birthdays) or special occasions. According to the National Candle Association, Candles date back to the Ancient Egyptians who are credited with making the first candles. They used torches made by soaking the spongy core of reeds in melted tallow.

B. **Tie to the Audience:** I'm sure that all of us at some point have used candles for celebrations, romantic experiences, or for just plain decoration. According to USA Today, the candle's sold in stores have become a multi-billion dollar business. At stores, like Yankee Candle, candle's are prices from \$5.00 to over \$100.00. The great part about making your own candles is that they are inexpensive to make and you shape the wax into something special. What could be more special than to make someone you love a homemade gift?

C. **Credibility:** Two years ago, I made candles for decoration and also for people to purchase during a medieval Madrigal dinner production that our A Cappella choir put on. I have also made candles since then as a part of my church youth group around the Christmas season.

D. **P.O.M.P.:** I will explain three basic things which include how to go about finding the right materials, how to melt the wax, and how to make a molded ice-cube candle.

*[Transition: So, let's start by doing the most important thing, which is to find all of the materials, and tools needed to make candles.]*

### II. Materials

A. You will need wax

1. worn out candles
2. purchase paraffin wax from craft store.

B. wicks

1. braided cotton string
2. purchase wicks from a craft store.

C. Double Boiler

1. use an actual double boiler
2. make your own using a pan and a jar or a coffee can

D. Mold – milk carton, Dixie cups, tin can, paper towel tube, etc.

E. Optional ingredients

1. crayons or wax dye

2. scented oil

***[Transition: Once you have all the material that you need, you can move on to melting the wax.]***

III. Melt the Wax

- A. place wax in double boiler or coffee pan
- B. Heat until the water boils
- C. Make sure to turn down the heat, and let the wax melt. Don't let it boil.
- D. Add wax dye, crayons, or scent (if desired) and stir

***[Transition: Now that the wax is melted, you can let your creativity run wild and have fun making candles. You can make just about anything but I'm going to show you how to make a molded ice-cube candle.]***

IV. Molded Ice-cube Candle

- A. Cut off the top of a milk carton
- B. Place a candle the height of the carton in the center of the carton. This makes an excellent wick.
- C. Break ice cubes into chunks.
  - 1. finely crushed ice creates small holes
  - 2. large cubes create large openings.
- D. Fill the mold with crushed ice.
- E. Quickly pour hot wax into the carton while someone holds the candle straight.
- F. Pour off the excess water when the wax is completely hardened.

***[Transition to conclusion: Now that you know how to make an ice-cube candle, let's go over what I showed you today.]***

V. Conclusion

- A. **S.O.M.P.:** I showed you three basic things: how to find the right materials, how to correctly melt the wax, and how to make an ice-cube candle.
- B. **Round Off:** Today we use candles for almost any kind of occasion or celebration. Candles continue to grow in popularity and we see them just about everywhere. They are really inexpensive to make and a lot of fun!