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If you are a creative person always looking for something interesting and new even when you are at home, candle making is surely the best choice for you. However, it is an old hobby, and the introduction of the gel candles has certainly added a new dimension to it.

The kits that are now available in the market have made the deal easier. Because, they include wicks, labels, pre-made gels, dye, scents, embeds, jars and even instructions. Just follow the instructions and make candles of your choice. Now why would you make a gel candle? You would do so simply because of the fact that a gel candle should spice up your home and add to your decor.

Three different densities of gel candles high, medium and low grade, are available in the market. The medium grade offers more flexibility by allowing more fragrances and firmness. Another important thing to consider while opting for a gel candle is that the gel candles burn longer than ordinary candles and that too in higher temperature. Therefore, it is a good choice though you must take all the precautions while preparing it.

The first thing you need to do is to take a non-stick pot, as a multi cooker. This is where you will melt the gel in. Keep a thermometer in hand to check the temperature. You need a hard plastic or metal spoon to stir the gel. Wooden spoons are not good for this purpose as it often creates bubbles in the gel. Always keep an eye on your safety measures keep a fire extinguisher and wear heat resistant apron and safety goggles and gloves.

What have made the gel candles more attractive are its colors. There are different modes of colors ranging from dye blocks to oil based liquid. However, always be careful while dyeing your candle. Only a dab will change the shade of your candle. So, always use a small amount of color.

Along with colors, these candles also provide delicate fragrances. After all, if you get a scent of strawberry, or a root beer, banana, bubble gum, carnation, lilacs, red-hot cinnamon, it will give you an added pleasure. Other fragrances like Honeydew Melon, Pecan Pie, Salty Sea Air, and Fresh Brewed Coffee are also available. During purchasing the fragrances, however, you should look for non-polar and more than 170 flash point scents, as they are safe. Always go for fragrance specially made for gel candles.

Use zinc core wicks to ensure a steady and beautiful flame. You can use embeds or shapes to embroider the candle. These embeds are usually made of hard wax or glass. Many shapes of embeds are also available fruit slices, dolphins, hearts, candy corn are few famous among them.

There are gel candles for every mood and they can be kept at every corner of your house. You can make a pumpkin shaped candle to amuse your children or make a heart-shaped one to impress your fianc. You can make candles to represent the exotic beaches or under water beauties or make candles in the shape of a goblin. Various foods can be recreated while you are making these gel candles.

You can always make a strawberry or a fruit shaped candles and add appropriate scents to match with it. Whatever be the mood the gel candles can provide both the light and the color and the fragrances to ward off the foul, the monotonous and the ordinary. www.candles4gifts.com is a great site to visit if you are looking at gel candles and you can place your orders online .

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