

METAL CORE INSERT INSTRUCTIONS

For Creating "Interior Decorated Candles"

Interior Decorated Candles are candles which display decorations just beneath the candle surface. These decorations are generally artificial flowers or leaves but may also include such items as rocks, shells, bark, etc. These uniquely decorated candles may be either block candles or hurricane candles (block candles have a wick - hurricane candles do not). The steps are basically the same for each with a few exceptions which are noted in the instructions as they occur. Please read through all the instructions before starting.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Metal Mold

Pourette offers a variety of molds, choose a mold that is larger than 5" in diameter.

Metal Core Insert

Pourette offers several different sized Inserts, please check the catalog for the size that best fits your mold.

Artificial Flowers

Have enough to surround the mold and select flowers that lie flat and do not have deep cups in the petals. If there are several layers of petals, remove all but two or three. Cut stem close with wire cutters, leaving just enough stem to hold petals together. The large flowers are best - use smaller ones for fill in.

Hold a Mold

For easy and safe handling of metal mold

Mold Weights

Two for hurricane mold

Water Bath Container

For cooling wax

Propane Torch

If "torching" of candle is desired

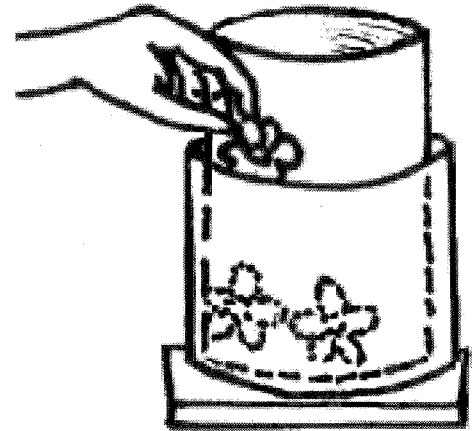
Candle Sheen

For added beauty and protection of finished candle



For both candles:

Pour wax at 190 F. into the center of the mold. The wax will come up around the flowers and within the Insert. The insert will hold the flowers in place until the outer surface of the wax sets. After pouring the wax into the mold gently tap the sides of the mold to release trapped air bubbles before placing in Water Bath Container. Carefully lower into the cold water and leave for approximately 5 to 7 minutes - depending on size of the flowers. After each minute, gently pull the Insert up about a 1/2" to prevent the Insert from becoming embedded in the wax at the base of the mold.



Creating a block candle

Position the Metal Core Insert within the mold and bring the wick up through the Insert. Tie the wick to top of Hold-A-Mold or a rod laying over the Metal Insert. Place flowers between the mold and Metal Insert and place Mold Weights around the base of mold. Pour in the wax and follow above instructions. When pulling out the Insert, be careful the wick does not fall into the wax. Tie the wick to the rod at the top of mold. Poke and refill the interior as for any solid block candle.

Creating a Hurricane Candle

Position Metal Core Insert in center of mold and place flowers between the mold and Insert.

Place Mold Weights around the base of the mold and attach Hold-A-Mold. Pour wax into the center of the mold. The wax will come up around the flowers and within the Insert. The insert will hold the flowers in place until the outer surface of the wax sets. Let the wax cool until about a 1/2" thickness has formed. Pour the wax back into the melting pot leaving the hollow center.

For both candles:

The candle may be left at room temperature to cool, but cooling may be hastened by placing it in a refrigerator. If you plan to torch the candle allow it to return to room temperature before torching is started.

The candle may be left as is with a smooth finish or it may be torched to provide an interesting three-dimensional effect.

Use a Propane Torch being very careful that you don't have flame too close to the candle. Melt the wax just enough to cause the flowers to partially stand out. If torching the hurricane candle - place the candle upside-down over a bottle or receptacle to hold it and place within a pie tin to catch the drippings. You may either leave the hardened "drips" for effect or trim and smooth them off by placing candle briefly in a pie tin on a warm burner. If torching the block candle - leave it upright in a pie tin or aluminum foil. Trim off any excess wax at base of candle.