

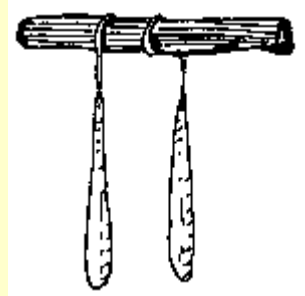
Making Dipped Candles

To dip candles you need quite a lot of wax and a deep container to put it in as the length of your candles is limited by the height of your container! The wax canister can be heated by standing it in a heated water bath, or there are purpose made apparatuses available for those in commercial scale production.

You can dip lengths of wick (cotton cord) into the melted wax either singly or drape them over a frame to make pairs of joined candles. Commercially a dozen or more wicks hang from a frame and are all dipped together and hung up to cool before the next dip. You can make a simple hanging frame with a bar of wood and a row of nails to hang the wicks on. A dipped candle has a characteristic tapered shape. However, if you reverse the candle after half making it, you can achieve a near perfect cylinder.

To finish the surface nicely, a quick single dip into hotter wax will put on a shiny smooth coat. Candles can be rolled carefully on a smooth surface, but they easily stick and the layers can separate which may spoil them.

Tip 1: For added speed, two candles can be dipped at once, by using a length of wick twice as long and dipping the two ends together; however, care should be taken that they don't stick together.



Tip 2: To make a twisted candle, roll out the candle immediately after finishing it, on a smooth surface. You can then twist the flattened candle into a corkscrew shape.

