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## Decorating Candles

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Decorating candles is an arts and crafts hobby that enjoys a lot of popularity at the moment. This isn't surprising, for it offers beginners as well as experts the possibility to improvise and carry out this artistic craft with their own individual degrees of expertise. Candles can be decorated with very simple patterns like stripes or geometric ornaments. So even very young children can try their hand at this craft. More complicated ornaments or figures can be made with the help of stencils. And there are plenty of occasions for decorating candles, like birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and annual festivals. We'd like to introduce a few examples here that could inspire you to try your luck making your own creations.



### Decorating Candles with leftover sheet wax

Always save all the little bits and pieces of wax that are leftover when decorating candles or other objects. Much of this can be used again, for example to decorate a candle in a very easy way.

You need:

- a candle of your choice
- leftover pieces of STOCKMAR Decorating Wax

In the example pictured, leftover wax in geometrically shaped pieces has been used and pressed onto the candle at random. This is something even little children can do, thus developing their creative skills.



## Tips and Techniques Experimenting with Decorating Wax

### Two Candles with Geometric Patterns



Candles with stripes and geometric patterns

#### You need:

- 1 candle, 140 mm high, Ø 60 mm and 1 blue candle, 70 mm high, Ø 60 mm
- STOCKMAR Decorating Wax in 5 colours, e.g. crimson, vermillion, orange, golden, green
- kitchen knife/cutter
- ruler, needle

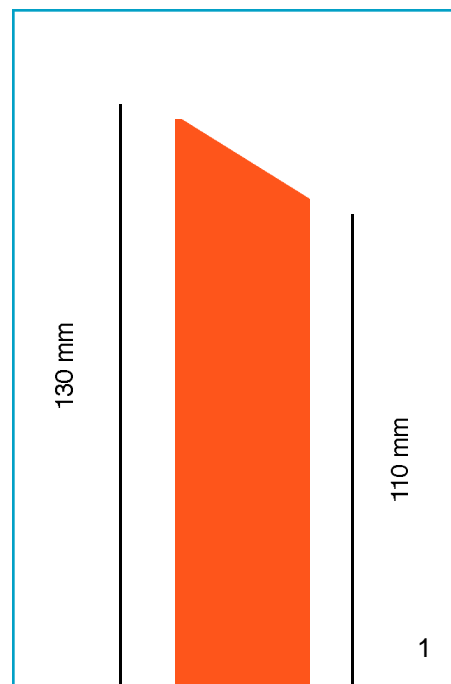
#### Large Candle

**1-** For the large candle you need 10 strips of sheet wax that measure 19 mm wide by 130 mm long. Place the wax sheet on a smooth surface, mark off 19 mm width with the needle, position ruler along mar-

kings and use the knife/cutter to cut off the strips of sheet wax.

**2-** Cut off one end diagonally (s. dia. 1) and save this piece.

**3-** Apply the strips to the candle by alternating the colours green, red, blue and yellow and pressing these on with the warmth of your hand. Apply the leftover triangles to the lower edge of the candle: place yellow on the green strip, green on the red strip, red on the blue and blue on the yellow strip.



**TIP**  
Purchased stearin or paraffin candles are often coated with a shiny film. It's therefore recommended to vigorously rub the surface of such candles with a cloth before decorating so that the Decorating Wax can adhere better.



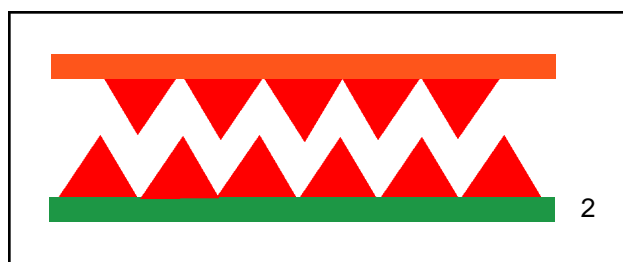
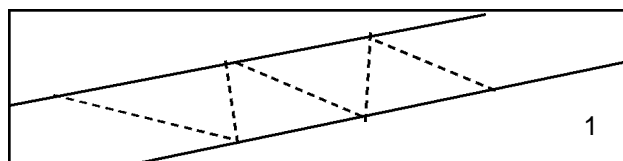
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Small Candle (pictured on page 2)

1- From the leftover sheet wax, cut 10 mm wide strips in orange, yellow and red, but leave the green strip to use as is.

2- Wrap the strips in the desired order of colour around the candle, cut off at the seam with the knife and press on firmly.

3- Cut out a total of 38 triangles from the strip of red sheet wax (bottom leg of triangle = 10 mm). Use the needle and ruler to mark points and the knife to cut out the triangles.



Stagger triangles when applying (s.pictures 1 and 2).

### Birthday Candle

(See part 6 for original sized stencils)

You need:

- 1 white candle, 105 mm high, Ø 60 mm
- STOCKMAR Decorating Wax in red, green, blue and yellow
- kitchen knife/cutter
- ruler
- lightweight cardboard for the stencils

1- Make stencils for the numbers and the heart, press onto the respectively coloured wax sheet, cut out with knife/cutter and apply to candle.

2- Cut out 1 mm wide strips for the garlands and bend into shape while pressing onto the



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candle. For the dots, roll little balls of leftover sheet wax and press flat with finger.

## Floral Candle

(See part 6 for original-sized stencils )



Floral Candle

### You need

- 1 yellow candle, 110 mm high, Ø 60 mm
- STOCKMAR decorating Wax in dark blue, light blue, orange and green
- needle, kitchen knife/cutter
- manicure scissors
- lightweight cardboard for the stencil
- a drawing compasses

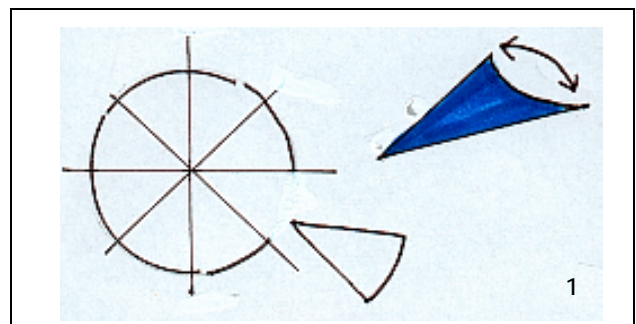
**1** - For the dark blue blossom you need a circle of about 3.2 cm diameter, for the light blue one a 2.2 cm circle. To make these, set your drawing compass to 1.6 cm and then to 1.1 cm and draw circles on the lightweight cardboard. Cut out circles and press onto the dark blue and light blue sheet wax, using a needle to cut them out.



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**2** - Use the knife to divide the circles into 8 segments and use 7 of these as flower petals. Bend the petals inward on the wide end (dia. 1).

**3** - Draw stencils on the cardboard for the leaves and bud and proceed as described on page 1 of part 2; the leaves can also be cut out with a manicure scissors.



**4** - For the stems, cut off 2 mm wide strips of the wax sheet with the knife. Make the tiny pollen for the pistil by kneading a small piece of sheet wax till it's soft, then roll into a little ball and press flat with your finger.

**5** - Gently bend the flower stems while pressing onto the candle. Press on the dark blue and light blue floral petals and then place a pollen dot in the middle for the pistil of the flower. Lastly, press the buds and leaves firmly onto the candle like in the diagram.



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