

# VOTIVE CANDLES

## sea mist

Votive candles add ambiance and warmth to any setting, and are simple to customize to the theme of your next special event or holiday celebration just by changing the color and fragrance.

Votives are not meant to be freestanding. While the making process is similar to that of a pillar candle, they burn like container candle. Make sure you use holders specifically rated for votives, like our 3 oz. Standard Votive Holder.

NOTE: The wax we're using for our votives will require a second pour the following day. Be sure to factor that into your process.



### MATERIALS:

LX 14 6" Pretabbed Wicks  
Pouring Pitcher  
Digital Thermometer  
Candle and Soap Scale  
Flared Votive Candle Mold  
Votive Wick Pin  
IGI 4794 Votive Blend Wax  
Sea Mist 4 oz. Bottle  
Seafoam Dye Blocks  
3 oz. Standard Votive Holder  
Warning Labels 1.25"

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED:

Rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle  
Small spatula  
Paper towels

## DIRECTIONS

### PART 1: PREPARE YOUR SUPPLIES AND WORKSPACE

Before you begin, make sure your work area is clear of extraneous items and ready for you to get crafty.

Now we'll measure our wax and fragrance. Using a digital scale, weigh out 1 lb of IGI 4794 Votive Blend wax and set aside. Then, weigh 1 oz of Sea Mist fragrance oil and set aside.

Prepare the votive molds by wiping them out with a little rubbing alcohol and a clean paper towel or lint-free cloth.

**SAFETY TIP:** *Be cautious and work slowly with the votive molds. The lip of the mold may be sharp!*

Next, center one votive wick pin in each mold.

## **PART 2: MELT AND ADD FRAGRANCE**

Begin melting the pound of wax you set aside in a double boiler or on a hot plate.

While you're waiting for the wax to melt, break off the amount of the Seafoam Dye Block you'd like to use for your votives. We recommend about ¼ of the block per pound of wax for this project, but adjust up or down according to the shade you'd like to achieve.

Once the wax is fully melted, add the dye block pieces and stir gently but thoroughly until the color is dispersed throughout the wax.

As soon as the wax reaches 185°F, add your previously measured fragrance and remove from the heat. Stir gently for about two minutes.

## **PART 3: FIRST AND SECOND POUR**

When the wax reaches 175°F, it's time to do the first pour. Going very slowly, pour the melted wax up to the lip of each votive mold. Votive wax will shrink as it cools and will need a second pour the following day.

Pour the remaining wax into a paper cup labeled with the wax type, fragrance, and date. Let sit until solidified.

When you're ready for the second pour, grab your labeled paper cup and peel away the paper. Place the solid wax into a pouring pitcher and reheat until it reaches 190°F. This higher temperature will help the wax better adhere to the solid, cooled votive.

Carefully pour the wax to fill in the remaining space and any sinkholes that developed in the votives all the way up to the lip of the mold.

Allow the votives to cool completely.

## **PART 4: REMOVE FROM MOLDS AND ADD WICKS**

Remove the votives from their molds.

PRO TIP: The votives should release easily. If they do not, put them in the refrigerator for no more than a few minutes to allow the wax to contract.

Once the candle has been removed from the mold, flip it over and press or tap the top of the wick pin firmly until it releases. Important: Make sure you don't do this step on a surface that could be damaged.

Replace each wick pin with a LX-14 pretabbed wick.

## **PART 5: FINISH AND ENJOY!**

Place your votive candles into approved votive holders, like our classically elegant Standard Votive Holders. Put a warning label on the bottom of each votive holder.

Congratulations, you've just made your first batch of votives!

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