

PEPPERMINT MOCHA LATTE

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Bring the coffeehouse home with this warm, inviting Peppermint Mocha Latte candle project.

MATERIALS:

Golden Brands 464 Soy Wax 10 lb Bag
White Straight Sided Tumbler
CD 18 6" Pretabbed Wicks
Peppermint Mocha Fragrance Oil 4 oz. Bottle
Wick Stickers Pro
Wick Bar 12 pc Bag
5 Inch Digital Thermometer
Warning Labels 2 Inch
Brown Liquid Dye 1 oz Bottle
Candle and Soap Scale
Small Pouring Pitcher
Pouring Pitcher

ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED:

Double boiler or hot plate
Metal spatula for stirring wax
Whisk or additional spatula
Piping bag and tip
Paper towels
Rubbing alcohol
Wax paper cup
Small paring knife

DIRECTIONS

PART 1: MAKE THE MOCHA

Place the small pouring pitcher on your digital scale and tare the weight. Weigh 8 oz of 464 soy wax in the small pitcher and set aside. We'll use this for the "whipped topping" later.

Place the empty pouring pitcher on your scale, tare the weight, and weigh out 22 oz of wax.

Begin to melt the 22 oz of wax with a double boiler or on a hot plate.

While the wax melts, prepare the jars. Wipe each jar out with a little isopropyl alcohol and a clean paper towel.

Using a wick sticker, center one CD 18 wick in the bottom of each jar.

Now let's check on our wax. It still needs a little time to reach 185°F, but we can go ahead and add our color. Add 12-15 drops of Brown Liquid Dye depending on your desired color—we used about 15 drops to achieve the creamy mocha color. Stir gently until the color is evenly distributed throughout the wax.



Weigh 1.5 oz of Peppermint Mocha fragrance oil. Our fragrance load is about 6%, but you can adjust up or down according to your preference. When the wax reaches 185°F, add the fragrance you measured and remove from the heat. Stir gently but thoroughly for 2 minutes to make sure the fragrance binds fully with the wax.

When the wax has cooled to around 135°F, carefully pour it into the prepared containers. Use a wick bar to center the wick while the candles cool. Allow the candles to cool completely.

Pour the remaining brown wax into a paper cup and set aside—we'll make use of it later for our chocolate shavings.

PART 2: MAKE THE WHIPPED TOPPING

Melt the 8 oz of wax you set aside in the small pouring pitcher until it reaches 120°F or is fully melted without any visible wax flakes and remove from the heat. Allow it to cool until the wax around the edges of the pitcher begins to solidify.

PRO TIP: Do not add fragrance to the whipped topping as it will discolor the wax over time.

With a whisk or other utensil, stir the wax briskly until it begins to thicken and hold its shape.

Spoon the soft wax into the piping bag and cut off the tip.

PRO TIP: Place the piping bag into a large glass to hold it upright while filling it with wax.

Pipe the soft, whipped wax into a "whipped cream" formation around the wick on top of the Mocha and allow it to cool before further handling.

Grab the paper cup of leftover Peppermint Mocha-scented wax you set aside earlier. Peel away the paper so that you have a chunk of wax.

With a paring knife, carefully shave off thin pieces from the chunk of wax. Sprinkle them over the top of the "whipped cream" to create "chocolate shavings" for that perfect finishing touch for your Peppermint Mocha.

PART 3: FINISH AND ENJOY

When your Peppermint Mocha candles have cooled completely, trim the wick to a ¼" and add a warning label to the bottom.

For optimal fragrance throw, allow the candles to cure for 1-2 weeks before burning.

If you plan on displaying your Peppermint Mocha candles in your home (may we suggest at the coffee bar?) or giving them as gifts, add the special finishing touch of your own custom label. We designed this familiar-looking label in Avery WePrint—head over to avery.com/candle-science to get started designing your own and take 10% off your label order!

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