

Wax seal



Wax seals add a beautiful detail to boys' baptismal certificates, letters and scrolls that is sure to impress. The engraving can be related to the camp, semester or afternoon theme or can generally fit in with the Jungschar.

Possible uses

Whether on a baptism certificate, on a mysterious letter, on an envelope or on a scroll, wax seals give a document a certain weight in children's and youth work. It stands out and is more likely to be remembered. An envelope that the children find that is sealed with a seal looks more credible than if it is simply taped shut or not sealed at all.

Material

- Document
- Sealing stamp
- Sealing wax candle or sealing wax beads
- Lighting option
- Optional sealing wax pans
- Optional decoration

Procedure

1. Prepare all materials on a surface that can get dirty or that is lined with newspapers. Prepare the document on which the seal will be placed.
2. Light the sealing wax candle and allow the wax to melt on all sides or heat the sealing wax beads in an appropriate pan or other container.
3. When the wax has heated up, allow it to drip onto the corresponding area and then put the candle or container away.
4. Breathe on the stamp and then press it into the wax. At the beginning, press back and forth a little and then leave the wax to cool for approx. 10 seconds.
5. Remove the stamp and look at the seal.

Candle or wax beads

Both have their advantages. If you use a sealing wax bead, you don't have to get a small pan or other container. On the other hand, you have to be more careful when melting them and if you emboss many seals one after the other, you can always melt the same number of beads in one container so that all the seals are the same size.

Look around in your area to see if there are any craft stores that sell sealing wax. In an emergency, normal wax will also do, but it usually doesn't look as good and usually leaves residue on the stamp.

Otherwise you can also look online. You can buy wax candles in different colors at bauundhobby.ch or zumstein.ch, for example. Wax beads can be bought at siegelwachs.ch, among others.

The right stamp

Sealing stamps can be bought in stores or on the Internet with a number of ready-made motifs. These are not suitable for use in children's and youth work, as a motif that does not fit the theme at all can destroy the impression.

Find out whether there are stores or craftspeople in your area who can make you an individual stamp. Otherwise, you can buy a ready-made stamp with an anchor or order a stamp with your own motif at siegel-shop.ch as well as wax beads.



Alternative: BESJ tie ring.

The metal **tie ring** from BESJ can also be used if you have one of these. There is a young man's anchor on the front. If you close the ring on the inside with a piece of metal, you can use it to emboss an anchor as a seal. This means you can do without a real seal stamp and emboss a seal for little money.

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