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# Candle Making



Detailed information from Horst Reder (Wels, Austria), who has been offering candle-making workshops to the public and in schools for years. It's a powerful form of public outreach. In Austria, it has been offered during the Advent season and at Christmas markets, and the proceeds are often donated to a social project (e.g., for a guide dog...).

## Location

(organized by the youth group)

- A large, public space, if possible, that can be well ventilated
- or a covered area / tent
- Good lighting
- Ideal room temperature: approx. 18°C (the floor may need to be covered with plastic sheeting and old rugs)
- Good lighting
  - Electrical outlets must be available! – preferably a high-voltage power connection

Possibly another room for:

- Coffee corner
- Book table
- Kids' corner

## Materials

(to be provided by the youth group)

- enough extension cords, if necessary
- If using a tent: Arrange for transportation; possibly radiant heaters or fan heaters (check with construction companies!)
- Kitchen scale (preferably two—one for weighing the candles, one for preparing the wax mixture)
- Decide what cause the proceeds will be donated to
- Adhesive tape, wrapping paper (ask at a bakery or flower shop if possible)
- Carry bags (ask at stores as well)
- If desired: TV, VCR (organize videos yourself if possible; otherwise, coordinate with the person in charge)
- Another great option would be some good music or an exciting audiobook
- Old kitchen knives (for cutting the candles) and a utility knife (don’t leave them lying around!)
- 1 large work table and 1 smaller one, standard height, for pre-melting
- Two timers
- Enough cleaning rags and cleaning supplies
- Tongs and gloves
- Plastic scrapers for removing wax (car scrapers!)
- Posters... (templates available for order)
- possibly a small snack, tracts, ...
- Labels for writing on, as well as colored pencils and pencils
- Handheld fire extinguisher, first-aid kit
- Cash register with change, calculator
- Powerful hair dryer for removing wax residue, as well as tissue paper or blotting paper
- 1 old pot

## Material

(to be sourced locally and made available afterward)

- Information folder, beeswax and paraffin-stearin mixture, dye
- Wicks in various thicknesses
- 1 hot plate, melting tubes, wooden lid
- Price list (display prominently)
- Hanging device for candles—only for in-person pickup
- Thermometer (optimal temperature: 70°–73°C)
- 3 thermostat-controlled cooking pots
- Old cable reel
- Wooden boards for cutting and shaping
- If desired: Tent (transport will be organized by the youth group)
- If desired: invitation cards/posters that you still need to write on

## By the way

Other services can also be offered:
(depending on the facilities, staff, etc.)

- A video (that the children can watch if they get bored)
- Coffee corner for parents: (coffee, cake, Christmas cookies)
- Play area for toddlers (Duplo, etc.) -> organized by the youth group
- Game room (various games)
- Seating
- Materials for on-site promotion

- Book table: featuring children's books, family books, and parenting books; possibly calendars, CDs, cassettes... Place Christian magazines, tracts, etc., available for free
- Information booth about the youth group (with photos, children's stories, etc.), possibly handouts

## Time

- Daily, from 2:00 p.m. at the earliest (homework) until 8:00 p.m. at the latest
- Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (major event for families)
- School classes can be invited in the mornings
- Open program—children can come and go as they please
- Possibly also "candle-making or candle-pouring workshops" for adults in the evenings

## Staff

- There should be 3–4 people for candle making (2–3 for melting wax and supervising, 1 for the cash register and packing)
- For the coffee shop, 2 people from the congregation

## Advertising

In schools, department stores, ... (Invitation flyers are available from us) Distribute youth group promotional materials (programs, etc.)

## Refreshments

- Coffee, tea, cake, and Christmas cookies for the coffee shop
- Cake, snacks, light meals, and drinks for children

## Contest

During the week, a contest can be announced in which the 3 or 5 most beautiful candles will be awarded prizes at the end of the week.

- Organize contest prizes

## Tips

- Cut out the candle discs and glue them on.
- Use your index finger and thumb to squeeze the candle in a staggered pattern.
- Once the candle is soft, cut it open and flip the strips over.
- Flatten the candle and twist it.

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## Sources

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## Weitere Informationen

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Games and activities

*Tags*
Candles

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1–20
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