

# **Handmade Beeswax Candles - 100% Pure & All Natural**

## **Raw Beeswax**

Raw beeswax is beeswax in its most natural form, straight from the honeycomb before any refining processes are used; this raw beeswax often contains small bits and pieces of debris and other impurities. Raw beeswax comes in many different colors and strengths of the characteristic honey scent. The color and scent of beeswax are determined by the type of pollen taken from the flowers the bees pollinated. The color can range from a very light yellow to dark brown, while the fragrance can be barely noticeable to in some cases very overpowering.

## **Beeswax is a Useful and Fragrant Gift from Nature**

About 150,000 bees are required to consume ten pounds of honey, from which only a single pound of beeswax is produced. Beeswax is created in the form of microscopic scales exuded from the underside of a bee's abdomen. Beeswax is produced with no color or scent, nevertheless they are accumulated both from absorption while in the hive. Beeswax therefore, varies in color and scent.

## **Beeswax is an Amazing Material**

Beeswax is a renewable all natural product with no additives or fillers. It is safe enough to eat, use in cosmetics, and is most recognizable as a clean burning & bright fuel source in beeswax candles. Unlike paraffin candles, beeswax is hypo-allergenic, great for people with allergies or other sensitivities and those who want a safe, clean burning candle.

## **100% Pure, All Natural Beeswax Candles Purify the Air**

Not only do 100% pure beeswax candles create beautiful soft light, but they actually clean the air as they burn. When you walk into a room with a 100% pure beeswax candle burning, and you can tell the difference. The air is noticeably purer, cleaner and fresher. Beeswax candles have long been known for their air purifying effects. Unlike soy and paraffin candles, 100% pure beeswax candles create negative ions when burning, creating a similar effect as houseplants. Negative ions neutralize bad positive ions such as allergens, dust and air borne toxins thus improving air quality.

## **Long Burning Times**

Beeswax melts at 64C (About 147F), the highest melting temperature of any known natural wax, that characteristic means that beeswax candles have longer burning times than other types of candles. It also means that beeswax candles and ornaments may be displayed and enjoyed in almost any area of the home. Compared by burn time, beeswax candles are usually a better value than paraffin, even when beeswax appears to cost more. A solid pillar candle weighing 1 lb. (approx. 3"x5") should burn for about 100 hours.

## **Smoke & Soot-Free**

No one wants their home to be covered in candle soot, which is a common result of burning paraffin candles. An excellent way to prevent this from occurring but still enjoy the beauty of a candle is to use beeswax candles. When burned in a draft free environment with a wick trimmed to 1/4" a beeswax candle will burn bright and clean without smoke or soot.

## **Naturally Drip-Less**

While there are not any candles that should be allowed to burn unattended, beeswax candles burn safer than others with minimal maintenance. Beeswax candles are naturally drip free and do not require chemicals to make them drip-less, like paraffin candles. The molecular structure and higher melting point of beeswax makes beeswax candles much better at holding their wax pool. This fact combined with a properly maintained wick and draft free environment will prevent drips from occurring.

## **What's the white cloudy film sometimes found on pure beeswax candles?**

This white film, called bloom, is normal and occurs in all pure beeswax. This is the result of softer oils rising to the surface. Bloom can be easily removed by wiping the candle with a soft cloth, applying gentle heat with a hair dryer, or placing the candle in warm sunlight. Even though the bloom is easily removable, many people actually desire this effect as it tends to give the beeswax candle a unique and rustic look and feel.

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## Some Popular Ways to Use Beeswax



Many people have asked us, "what is beeswax used for?" Beeswax is an incredible natural substance that can be used in many ways to improve our lives. Its several uses date back for over thousands of years! It is first produced and used in the hive by honey bees to build their honeycomb cells, but humans use it outside of the hive for a wide variety of applications. Beeswax acts as an anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, antiallergenic and a germicidal antioxidant which is why it is such a popular product.

- To waterproof leather
- In candle making
- A lubricant for old furniture joints, doors, and windows
- A component for mustache creams and beard balms
- As a furniture polish when mixed with linseed oil and mineral spirits
- In covering cheeses and preservatives to protect from spoilage
- A conditioner for wood bowls and cutting boards
- Coat nails and screws to prevent wood from splintering
- Coat guitar bodies to boost longevity
- Coat reeds for woodwinds
- Used in Indian art of fabric dyeing called Batik printing
- Polish for granite counter tops
- To make crayons
- In soap making
- Hair removal
- Combine with comfrey and chick weed powder to alleviate itching
- In sewing to strengthen the thread and prevent snagging
- As a flexible mold for a variety of mediums
- In glass etching
- Encaustic painting
- To make earplugs
- When fashioning dreadlocks
- To make dental floss
- For cracked animal hooves
- When making cosmetics
- When making chocolates and certain candies
- Removing previous waxes
- In blacksmithing
- Basketry
- To coat the hemp strings on lacrosse heads
- To make lip balms
- When making healing salves, creams and ointments
- As a polish for shoes and floors
- To waterproof boots and saddles
- To coat metals, such as hand tools, to prevent rust
- In manufacturing as a thickener or emulsifier
- To seal documents
- An ingredient in surgical bone wax
- Blended with pine rosin to serve as an adhesive
- A metal injection moulding binder component
- Glazing of fruits and vegetables
- Chewing beeswax can help quit the habit of smoking
- Grafting plants
- In the restoration of pictures
- Fly fishing lines
- Used in crafting of dentures and other dental equipment
- To seal and polish smoke fired pottery
- On snowboards and snow skis to help with the glide
- Apply to ledges for skateboarding tricks
- Use to cover a broken wire on braces until you get to your orthodontist
- To prevent stretch marks
- Temporary filling until you can see your dentist
- To seal stick matches to stay dry when boating, fishing or skiing
- To prevent slippage for belts in vacuums and sewing machines
- Prevents tarnishing of bronze items
- and more...

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