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Beginner lessons for Wax Types

Unlock the Secrets of Candle Wax Types for Beginners!

DEFINITION

Candle wax types determine the burn quality, scent throw, and appearance of your candles. Understanding these types helps you choose the best wax for your projects.

KEY CONCEPTS

Paraffin Wax

A popular and affordable wax, paraffin is easy to work with and holds fragrance well.

Soy Wax

Made from soybeans, this eco-friendly wax burns cleanly and is great for container candles.

Beeswax

A natural wax from bees, it has a sweet scent and burns longer than other waxes.

Palm Wax

Derived from palm oil, this wax creates unique textures and patterns but can be less sustainable.

Gel Wax

A translucent wax that allows for creative designs and embedding objects, offering a unique look.

EXAMPLES

- Using soy wax for eco-friendly candles.
- Choosing beeswax for a natural, long-lasting option.
- Selecting gel wax for decorative candles with embedded items.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember 'PSBG' for Paraffin, Soy, Beeswax, Gel - the main wax types.
- ★ Think 'Bees are sweet' to recall beeswax's natural scent.
- ★ Visualize a palm tree for palm wax's origin.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Confusing paraffin with soy wax due to their similar appearance.
- ✗ Overheating wax, which can affect scent throw and appearance.
- ✗ Neglecting to test different waxes for desired results.

QUICK RECAP

Understanding different wax types is essential for successful candle making. Each wax offers unique properties that affect the final product. Choose wisely based on your project goals!