



A FREE STARTER FROM ARDENT SELLER

Candle Wick-Test & Fragrance Log

A print-and-use wick-testing log so no candle sells before it burns clean, plus a batch & cure log and a fragrance-load quick reference.

Test every wick, dose every scent safely.



Test every wick, sell nothing untested

Two habits quietly separate a candle hobby from a candle business: burn-testing every candle before you sell it (because a candle is an open flame in someone's home, and one that looks perfect cold can still tunnel, soot, or flare once it's lit), and writing down every batch (so a consistent, traceable candle comes from a consistent process). This free starter is the two most useful pages of a full candle maker's workbook: a print-and-use wick-testing log and a batch & cure log, plus a fragrance-load quick reference and the wax-to-candle math. Print a stack and keep them at the bench and the testing table.

A TESTING & RECORD PRINTABLE — NOT A SAFETY CERTIFICATION

These pages help you RECORD your tests and batches — they don't certify a candle is safe. A candle is an open flame in someone's home, so YOUR OWN burn testing is what proves a particular candle is safe to sell. Burn-test every wax x wick x vessel x fragrance combination, follow each fragrance's stated maximum load and flashpoint for your wax, use heat-safe vessels, and confirm the labeling and fire-safety rules for your country with the current standard (in the US, ASTM F2058), the relevant safety body, and your insurer.

KEEP THIS BY THE POUR TABLE

Fragrance loads & cure, at a glance

The candles most makers sell, with how long each takes to cure, a typical fragrance load (figured as a percentage of the WAX, not the total pour), and where it sells. Loads and cure times are typical starting points — your wax, your testing, and the supplier's certificate are the final word.

Candle	Cure	Fragrance load	Best for
Soy container candle	Cure 1–2 weeks	6–10% of wax	Signature scented jars, gift sets
Coconut-soy / coconut blend	Cure 1–2 weeks	8–12% of wax	Premium scented jars, strong throw
Paraffin / parasooy container	Cure 24–48 hr (a few days helps)	6–10% of wax	Fast turnaround, bold scent throw
Beeswax candle	Cure minimal (set & rest)	0–6% (holds little fragrance)	Natural, unscented, pillars & tapers
Pillar candle	Cure 24–48 hr+ before unmoulding	3–6% of wax	Decorative, freestanding, gift sets
Votive candle	Cure a few days	6–9% of wax	Sampler sets, multipacks, weddings
Tealight	Cure 1–2 days	6–8% of wax	Add-ons, bulk, warmers & holders
Wax melt / tart	Cure 1–3 days	8–12% of wax	Flameless scent, low-cost upsell, samplers

Fragrance is figured by WEIGHT, as a percentage of the wax — for example, 8% of 64 oz of wax is about 5.1 oz of fragrance, whatever the vessel. More is not more throw: past the wax's maximum it sweats, clogs the wick, and burns worse.

Run the whole bench, not just the test

These pages are a slice of the kit. The Candle Maker's Fragrance Load & Wick-Testing Workbook is the whole record-keeping and testing side of the craft: a full wick-testing log with every reading and a verdict, a wax, fragrance & supplies inventory by supplier lot and a vessels & packaging inventory with low-stock flags, a fragrance-load calculator with an IFRA-aware safe check, a cost-per-candle calculator that finally counts the jar and your time, and references on the candle types and the fire-safety labeling rules — a working Excel workbook (8 tabs) plus five PDF guides. Evergreen.

GET THE FULL CANDLE FRAGRANCE & WICK WORKBOOK

Available on the Ardent Workshop storefront. [See the full workbook >](#)

The living version of a candle maker's workbook

A workbook is a wonderful place to start a candle business and a hard place to scale one. The day you're tracking a dozen scents across three waxes and five vessels, wicks tested per combination, supplier lots flowing into batches, candles curing on three shelves, and stock moving through markets and a website, a stack of pages starts to strain.

MEET ARDENT SELLER

Ardent Seller is inventory, production, and sales software built for makers. Your batches become tracked production runs with real lot traceability; your wax, fragrances, wicks, vessels, and packaging become inventory that draws down as you pour and sell; your true cost per candle is computed for you; and every candle is traceable from the supplier lot to the sale. There's a free plan to start. [Start free at ardentseller.app >](#)

A note on safety and results. This is a record-keeping and testing book and maker's reference, not a recipe book or fire-safety, regulatory, or legal certification. Only your own burn test certifies a candle is safe to sell. Burn-test every combination, follow each fragrance's maximum load and flashpoint, use heat-safe vessels, and confirm your labeling and fire-safety rules with the current standard, the relevant safety body, and your insurer. The pricing examples are illustrative, not financial advice.

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