



Candle Making Instructions: How To Make Clamshell Wax Tarts

Tart Making Supplies:

- 20 ounces of Ecosoya Q220, or PB (pillar blend)
- 1 color dye chip or a couple of drops of liquid candle dye
- 4 T Candle Fragrance Oil
- 7 – six-cavity clamshell tart molds
- Labels for Clamshells

Tart Making Equipment:

- Digital scale
- double boiler (or old pan with water and melting/pouring pot)
- Candle making Thermometer (or candy thermometer)
- Metal measuring spoons
- long handled spoon or whisk (we use paint stir sticks)

How To Make Wax Tarts for Melters:

Melt wax in a double boiler over medium heat. As the wax melts, add dye. If you are using dye block or dye chips, you may want to crush or chop up your dye, to help it melt easier. Stir to blend well. Continue to heat wax until it is all melted, try to stay below 190 °F. Remove from heat.

Allow wax to cool to ~160-165 °F. Add fragrance oil and stir gently to blend. The manufacturer recommends a maximum scent load of 12%. 12% fragrance would be equivalent to 4 tablespoons of fragrance, per pound of wax. You should test with the fragrance you are using to determine the appropriate amount to give your tarts the best scent throw. To minimize scent loss, add scent prior to pouring but at a wax temperature no less than 145°F (61.1°C). We've had best luck adding fragrance at around 160°F. Allow wax to further cool, until your temperature reaches around 145 -150°F. Carefully pour melted wax into tart molds, until full but not over-flowing. Allow to cool completely. The wax will shrink as it cools and may form a well in the center of the molds. You can gently heat gun the tops to help smooth them out. After the molds are completely cooled, gently flex the mold from side to side. If the tarts do not easily come out, they are not yet ready. It is not a good idea to refrigerate tarts, as they tend to crack. Snap down the clamshell lid, and add a label if you wish. We recommend 'curing' the tarts for a few days before melting. This allows the fragrance to set.

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