Cookie-Cutter Candles and Ornaments

Tools and Materials

Coloured beeswax sheets
Metal cookie cutters
Cutting board
Scissors
Pre-waxed wick
Flat toothpicks or cocktail sticks
Ribbon
Hair-dryer

Instructions

Candles

1. Place a wax sheet on the cutting board. Pressing firmly on the cookie cutter, cut out four pieces of the same shape.
2. Align a piece of wick down the centre of one wax cut-out, leaving a space of about 15 mm (½ in.) at the bottom of the shape but extending the wick about 15 mm (½ in.) above the top of the shape.
3. For a small candle, place two toothpicks at the bottom of the shape, leaving some space on each side of the wick. For a larger candle, do the same, using cocktail sticks. The sticks will secure your candle in a cake.
4. Carefully place a second cut-out over the first, and gently press the two pieces together to sandwich the wick and sticks in place. Heat with a hair-dryer on "low," and then press the cut-outs together again.
5. Add one more cut-out on each side, pressing and adding heat as needed.
6. For animal shapes, use a thumbtack to make an eye hole.
7. Your candle is now ready to put on the cake.

Remember! Only burn candles under adult supervision.

Ornaments

1. Place a wax sheet on the cutting board. Pressing firmly on the cookie cutter, cut out four pieces of the same shape.
2. Loop a piece of ribbon and place it between two wax cut-outs. Make sure you have enough ribbon between the cut-outs to secure it, and leave enough ribbon sticking out so you can hang the ornament.
3. Gently press the cut-outs together; heat with a hairdryer on "low"; and press again.
4. Add one more cut-out on each side, pressing and adding heat as needed.
5. For animal shapes, use a thumbtack to make an eye hole.
6. Your ornament is now ready for the tree.

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