

Beeswax Products for Body and Home

Have beeswax pre-melted in a double boiler. Have a vessel such as an old olive oil can dedicated to the purpose of holding wax. Then you can put it into a pot of water to melt. Other tools that are handy are measuring cups and spoons, a silicone spatula. It's good to have tools just for this type of work so you don't have to worry about waxy film build-up. I mixed the recipes in a pyrex bowl set into a pot of simmering water.

Waxed Leaves

Variety of dry attractive leaves
Melted wax
Dried flower base
Hot glue

Dip leaves directly into melted wax, shake the drips off, then lay to dry on newspaper. If the wax is too thick, raise the heat. Hot glue items onto twig swags, grapevine wreaths, branches set in a vase – anything goes.

Ornaments

Melted beeswax
Candy molds
Twine

Pour wax into candy molds and set a small loop of twine for hanging. Twine may need to be repositioned until a "skin" of dried wax forms to keep it in place. Removal is easier if you set the mold in the refrigerator for a while.

Fire Starters

Pinecones
Small piece of wick
Melted wax

Tie a short piece of wicking around the stem end of a pine cone about 5 scales down. Dip into wax by the wick. Let cool then trim wick to desired length. White pinecones work best. Norway spruce works OK. Make sure they are dry first.

Food Wrap

Pinking shears
Muslin
Melted beeswax
Cookie sheet
Paint brush

Cut out desired size of muslin with pinking shears so the edge doesn't unravel. Place on cookie sheet and paint with melted wax. Put in oven at warm setting for 10 minutes per side to allow the wax to penetrate.

Honey Scrub

1 c epsom salts
1 c honey
2 tbsp skin care oil
10 drops essential oil (lavender)
1 vitamin E capsule
Jars

Melt all ingredients together thoroughly. It will be chunky. Spoon into jar. Close jar only when completely cooled.

Lip Gloss

¼ c grated beeswax
4 tbsp coconut oil
5 drops essential oil (such as lemon or peppermint)
1 tsp honey
1 vitamin E capsule
Small containers

Melt all ingredients together thoroughly. Pour into small jars or lip balm containers. Close container only when completely cooled. Adjust consistency by changing amount of coconut oil. May be colored with old lipstick.

Salve

½ c melted infused lard or oil
up to 2 tbsp skin care oils (optional)
4 – 6 tbsp melted beeswax
20 to 80 drops essential oils
2 vitamin E capsules
Jars

Melt all ingredients together thoroughly. Pour into small jars or metal containers. Close container only when completely cooled. Adjust consistency by changing amount of coconut beeswax.

Propolis Tincture – 20%

2 parts propolis by weight
8 parts Everclear (90%) by weight
Jar - Dissolves over 2 or more weeks

Place propolis into jar and add alcohol. Leave set for 2 to 4 weeks to dissolve. Shake vigorously daily. Decant into eyedropper if desired.