

# METAL CORE INSERT INSTRUCTIONS

## For Creating "Interior Decorated Candles"

Interior Decorated Candles are candles which display decorations just beneath the candle surface. These decorations are generally artificial flowers or leaves but may also include such items as rocks, shells, bark, etc. These uniquely decorated candles may be either block candles or hurricane candles (block candles have a wick - hurricane candles do not). The steps are basically the same for each with a few exceptions which are noted in the instructions as they occur.

### RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

#### Metal Mold

#### Metal Core Insert

There are two inserts for the Round Hurricane Mold - Q-211 for large flowers and Q-212 for small flowers. Use the Q211 for the Hexagon Hurricane Mold and Q216 for the Square Hurricane Mold.

#### Artificial Flowers

Have enough to surround the mold and select flowers that lie flat and do not have deep cups in the petals. If there are several layers of petals, remove all but two or three. Cut stem close with wire cutters, leaving just enough stem to hold petals together. The large flowers are best - use smaller ones for fill in.

#### Hold a Mold

For easy and safe handling of metal mold

#### Mold Weights

Two for hurricane mold

#### Water Bath Container

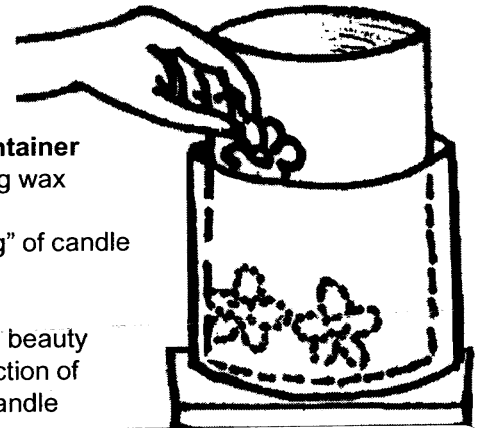
For cooling wax

#### Propane Torch

If "torching" of candle is desired

#### Candle Sheen

For added beauty and protection of finished candle



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### Creating a block candle

Position Metal Core Insert within the mold and wick through the Insert. Tie the wick to top of Hold-A-Mold or a rod laying over the Metal Insert. Place flowers between the mold and Metal Insert and place Mold Weights around the base of mold. After pulling out the Insert - be careful wick does not fall into wax. Tie wick to rod over top of mold. Poke and refill wax interior as for any solid block candle.

### Creating a Hurricane Candle

Position Metal Core Insert in center of mold and place flowers between the mold and Insert. (Fig. 1)

Place Mold Weights around the base of the mold and attach Hold-A-Mold.

Pour wax at 190 F. into the center of mold. The wax will come up around the flowers and within the Insert. The insert will hold the flowers in place until the outer surface of the wax sets. Let wax set for approximately 15 more minutes or until 1/2" thickness has formed. Pour wax back into melting pot as you would for any hurricane candle.

### For both candles

Tap sides of mold to release trapped air bubbles before placing in Water Bath Container. Lower into Container of cold water and leave for approximately 5 to 7 minutes - depending on size of flowers. After each minute, gently pull up the Insert about 1/2" to prevent the Insert from becoming embedded in the wax at bottom of mold. When about 1/8" thickness of wax has formed around the outer edge of the mold - lift out the Insert completely.

Candle may be left at room temperature to cool, but the cooling may be hastened by placing it in a refrigerator. If you plan to torch the candle allow it to return to room temperature before torching is started.

The candle may be left as is with a smooth finish or it may be torched to provide an interesting three-dimensional effect.

Use a Propane Torch being very careful that you don't have flame too close to the candle. Melt the wax just enough to cause the flowers to partially stand out. If torching the hurricane candle - place the candle upside-down over a bottle or receptacle to hold it and place within a pie tin to catch the drippings. You may either leave the hardened "drips" for effect or trim and smooth them off by placing candle briefly in a pie tin on a warm burner. If torching the block candle - leave it upright in a pie tin or aluminum foil. Trim off any excess wax at base of candle.