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*Grammy Gramster's Candles*  
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**We now offer 100% Soy Wax  
All Natural Candles  
Hand Poured in  
North Dighton, MA**



## Soy Wax

Soy wax is a vegetable wax made from the oil of soybeans. After harvesting, the beans are cleaned, cracked, de-hulled, and rolled into flakes. The oil is then extracted from the flakes and hydrogenated.

The hydrogenation process converts some of the fatty acids in the oil from unsaturated to saturated. This process dramatically alters the melting point of the oil, making it a solid at room temperature. The leftover bean husks are commonly used as animal feed. The U.S. grows the vast majority of the world's soy beans, primarily in Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana. Soy's greatest advantage is that it is completely renewable. While the global reserves of oil shrink and paraffin prices increase, the only limit to the soy supply is how much we choose to grow. The soy that you buy today was likely in the ground less than a year ago. And chances are that same field is growing more soy for the candles to be made in the future. In addition to sustainability, a well-made soy candle will burn cleanly and slowly, much to the delight of your customers. While the performance and beauty of soy candles speak for themselves, soy wax is truly a marketer's dream. If you are making soy candles, you can market them as eco-friendly grown, sustainable, carbon neutral; the list goes on and on.

Candles can be sensitive to extreme cold and heat, it's best to store them between 50°F and 85°F. And be sure not to leave our candles in your car for an extended period of time (particularly on hot days) as they may melt or discolor.



Today, while candles aren't a practical necessity, they can add a masculine or romantic ambiance to any room. I've been a candle user myself for many years, enjoying the steady, but flickering flame while I crochet. Candles can truly be very meditative and thought-provoking.



## Candle Burning and Maintenance:

### **Candles should not be burned for more than four hours at a time.**

It is recommended that after burning for four hours, candles be extinguished, allowed to cool for two hours, and trimmed before relighting.

Always burn candles well away from drafts, other heat sources, and anything flammable. Make sure burning candles are out of reach of children and pets. Never leave a burning candle unattended.

### **Wet Spots**

The wet spots that you may see are not really wet spots. The spots are caused by shrinkage and air bubbles that occur as the wax is cooling inside the container. Part of the wax pulls away from the glassware and sticks to the container giving it this particular look. It is more common with paraffin wax but can also occur with soy. This is common even in expensive candle lines. It in no way affects the burn ability of the candle.

Always before lighting your candle; trim the wick! You never want your wick to be longer than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Also, when lighting your candle, do not throw the wick trimming into the candle. You want to keep your candle free of any and all debris such as: dust, wick trimmings, matches, ect. You want your candle pool to be scented wax only.

### **The Trick**

The ultimate trick for putting out a candle without smoke is to use a candle wick dipper. The method, using the dipper to bend the wick into the wax, is an age old trick that will put out the flame without causing any smoke. There are a number of kinds of candle dippers and even household items such as a pencil can be used for this. Using your tool, push the candle wick into the small pool of wax that forms be-



Creating beautiful things by hand has always been a part of my life that I am proud of. Crochet and sewing are my first love after my children and grandchildren. Yes, I create crochet items to sell but I will only create items that please me. I enjoy creating my own patterns, and dreaming up artistic ideas. Sometimes they work, sometimes they don't. I have been crocheting for over 44 years now. If I am not crocheting, I can still be quite creative in the kitchen. Always trying new recipes or creating my own. Again, some days are diamonds, some days are rust. Browse our online store for hand made items, some are one of a kind, from beautiful baby afghans to fine art photography. Check back often as new products are added frequently.



*Thimbles, Hooks and More Crochet*