

## SAND CANDLE CRAFT

### Materials needed:

- A lot of sand (~1 gallon / 4 litre bucket full)
- Water
- Wax (paraffin)
- Shells
- Wick material (butcher cord dipped in wax)
- Plate big enough to hold the candle
- Tin can (coffee size)
- Large pot (enough to hold the tin can and water, like a double boiler effect)
- Stove or hot plate

### Instructions:

Candle making can be both fun and dangerous. You should never try any projects that use heat and fire without an adult's help, and always follow candle safety rules. Be very careful around the stove, hot water, and hot wax.

- 1 Put the sand in a large bowl, or ice cream pail.
- 2 Pour water over the sand to make it wet (or use wet sand).
- 3 Make a hole in the wet sand as big as you want your candle to be.
- 4 Place shells around the sides if desired.
- 5 Take the smallest shell you can find and tie it to the wick and put it in the center bottom. You could tie the other end of the wick to a stick and place it across the top of the pail.
- 6 Place a tin can (coffee tin) with the wax in it, into a pot of hot water to melt the wax slowly. CAUTION: WAX IS FLAMMABLE and be careful not to get water into the tin with the wax.
- 7 Pour the wax in the sand mold while holding the wick up enough to keep it straight.
- 8 Hold the wick there for about a minute or until the wax has hardened enough for the wick not to fall in it.
- 9 When the wax is hard and cold, dig out about an inch away from the candle and gently pull the candle out. Gently rinse or dust it off.
- 10 Some sand and shells will be stuck onto the side and it makes a beautiful candle.
- 11 Place on a plate when lit!
- 12 Great for gifts or seaside themed activities.