## Wax To Wealth



# THE candle makers start up Checklist

The Ultimate Checklists Guide with everything you'll need to check off before starting your candle company.

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### **Candle Makers Startup Checklist**

**Business Plan:** 

- Define your candle business concept and objectives.
- Conduct market research to identify your target audience.
  - Create a comprehensive business plan outlining your goals and strategies.

Legal Considerations:

- Register your business and obtain any necessary licenses or permits.
- Choose a business structure (e.g., sole proprietorship, LLC, corporation).
- Ensure compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.

Business Name and Branding:

- Select a unique and memorable business name.
- Design a professional logo and branding materials.
- Register your domain name for a website (if applicable).

Product Development:

- Decide on the types of candles you'll offer (scented, decorative, etc.).
- Source high-quality candle-making supplies.
- Develop and test candle recipes and scents.

Production Space:

- Set up a dedicated workspace for candle making.
- Ensure it's well-ventilated and equipped with essential tools.

Candle Making Supplies:

- Purchase wax, wicks, fragrance oils, dyes, containers, and other materials.
- Invest in candle-making equipment like melting pots, thermometers, and molds.







Safety Measures:

- Educate yourself on candle-making safety.
- Have fire extinguishers and first-aid supplies on hand.

Product Branding and Packaging:

- Design labels, packaging, and marketing materials.
- Ensure branding aligns with your business concept and values.

Online Presence:

- Create a professional website with an e-commerce platform (if selling online).
- Set up social media profiles for marketing and engagement.

Inventory Management:

- Develop a system for tracking inventory and supplies.
- Monitor stock levels and reorder as needed.

Pricing and Sales Strategy:

- Determine pricing for your candles.
- Decide on sales channels (online, local markets, wholesale, etc.).

Marketing and Promotion:

- Develop a marketing plan.
- Utilize digital marketing, social media, and email campaigns.
- Consider offering promotions or discounts.







**Customer Service:** 

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- Establish clear customer service policies.
- Set up communication channels for customer inquiries.

#### Fulfillment and Shipping:

- Prepare for order fulfillment and shipping processes.
- Choose reliable shipping partners.

Quality Control:

• Implement quality control checks to maintain consistent product quality.

#### Record Keeping:

• Maintain accurate records of sales, expenses, and customer information.

#### Scaling and Growth:

- Plan for scaling your business as it grows.
- Explore opportunities for diversifying your product line.

#### **Customer Feedback:**

• Encourage customer feedback and reviews to improve your products and service.

#### Networking:

• Connect with other candle makers and entrepreneurs for advice and support.

#### Continuous Learning:

• Stay updated on industry trends and developments.





