

Hot Wax Play!

Fun for the whole family...

Drop cloths
A tarp
Wax (lots of options)
Fire
Fire Extinguisher
Baby/Mineral oil
Scraper – dulled knife, metal spatula etc.
Tape – masking/painters
Thermometer
Ladle, paintbrush, glove...this part explained later



Wax

There are different types of wax that you can use and the biggest difference in types is the melting temperature. This is something to be careful with because you DON'T want to cause irreparable damage.

Soy - 125° F

Paraffin - 125°F

Beeswax - 150°F

Palm - 140°F

Gel - 180°-220°F

Avoid metallic candles, candles with scents, candles with particles (glitter, pinecones, etc.), these can change the temperature of the wax and/or heat up the foreign object so that it burns/brands when it falls out of the container. Tapers and other candles that are sturdy and hold shape on their own, will often have additives which make them burn at a higher temperature. While they can still be used, you may want a layer of paraffin to help protect the skin, or hold them higher off of the subject. You will also hear about using crayons, these melt at an even higher temperature and you should prepare for such. For your first (or fiftieth) wax scene, you can just stick with paraffin and it will still be wicked fun!

****Do not use dripless candles****

Melting your Wax

Light the candle and wait....ok, that's REALLY not the most efficient way to melt your wax. While you can just wait for it to melt, it takes a really long time and you pour what's melted and then....wait some more. If you're choosing this method, remember things such as how a votive gets hot when it's melting and can be difficult to hold. If you're melting a religious candle, remember that you need to be careful and blow out the flame before pouring. The glass is VERY cheap and can shatter under direct flame. My suggestions:

Paraffin baths

Crock pots

A soup pot

I personally use religious candles; put them in the soup pot with some water surrounding the glass and boil until it's all melted. You do not need to put water all the way up the sides, but rather about half way up, this will keep them from falling over when you notice the level lowering. ****It's VERY VERY important that you pull out the wick as there's a little piece of metal at the bottom that will leave a not-so-lovely, round brand on your subject.**

After melted you can use a glove to hold and pour or you can transfer to a crock pot/paraffin bath to keep it warm and work from there. This can also make it easy to ladle or brush on the wax. I cannot stress enough, once used for wax, this is a WAX ONLY crock pot, hit up Goodwill for your wax play.

****note on crock pots**** I still stand behind their effectiveness for a scene, but they should not be left to heat all day, and you should use a thermometer to check them. They can get much hotter than you would expect (even on warm) and you can burn your bottom.

Preparing your Area

Wax is messy, cover your area with drop cloths and don't spare expense, you can get them at most dollar stores. Get something sturdy and not slick for the ground, like a tarp. While you can use the plastic sheeting for everything, it can get slippery and that's just a hot mess waiting to happen.

This is where the tape comes in as well; tack your drop cloths back so that you don't need to worry about them wiggling about while you play. Masking tape is easy to remove, doesn't leave a residue, doesn't melt if you drop wax on it and is pretty darn cheap.

Lay out what you plan to use so that it's easily accessible and if you have a particular scene planned out in your head with ice and designs, it's worth putting in the time beforehand to make application and clean up go smoothly. Don't forget something to help with wax removal. While a lot of it can be done by hand, and that's fun, having something to help scrape it off can add more sensation to the scene.

****Remember that the further away you hold the candle, the further it will splash and you really DO need that area covered.****

Don't forget to prepare...yourself! You WILL get wax on you, so no matter how sexy it is to be pouring wax in your Domly best, get an apron or strip down to save your clothes.

Applications

This is where you get fun, paint, drip, SPLASH! Just make sure that your area is properly covered (this includes the clothes that YOU are wearing) and that the wax is an appropriate distance to keep from burning. Don't forget to check your thermometer, if your wax is too hot, turn down the crock pot, take out a ladle-full and give it a moment away from the molten wax to cool down, and hold it a little further away. It's not worth it to cause third-degree burns. Don't break your bottom!

Everybody is different! Not only that, but every part of each body is different, and is different on different days. While you're learning reactions, start from further away, let the wax cool a little more, and see where they're at, better to be safe than sorry. When applying wax, don't assume that because you can pour it within an inch of their breasts, that you can do it that close on their feet. Be careful with applications to any new area, watch your bottom for their reaction and respond accordingly. While you can drip wax on genitals and other sensitive areas, be especially careful to make sure that sensitive skin is prepared or the wax is cooler until you verify how they handle it. Some people get wet from direct wax, others blister.

I do not recommend facial wax play.

If your bottom is particularly sensitive, you may want to start with the paintbrush (silicone basting brushes can be great here) and layer on a light paraffin barrier before dripping and splashing the wax, dripping hot wax on top of hardened wax distributes the temperature and protects the skin from the heat. Using that same logic, peeling back specific areas of wax and then pouring on a combination of covered and uncovered can create an amazing sensation, as well. This is the fun part and why we call it "play"...have fun, splash, make designs, carve out a smiley face, enjoy yourselves! It's why we're here.

Clean up

Clean your bottom off before your area. While you may have scraped most of the wax off, a rough towel can be a huge help for the left-over bits. You're going to have wax on you, as well, nature of the beast. Then grab your plastic/tarps and appreciate the time that you put into preparing before-hand.

Questions?