



YOU WILL NEED:

- **MOULD** Sphere candle mould (8cm/3¼in diameter)
- **WAX** 450g (15¾oz) soy pillar wax
2 appliqué wax sheets, red and green (see page 74)
- **WICK** Wedo ECO 2
- **DYE** Brown candle dye (see page 18 for directions on calculating amount of dye)
- Adhesive putty
- Baking tray
- Double boiler
- Heat-resistant bowl
- Measuring jug
- Metal jug
- Scissors
- Spoon
- Thermometer
- Wicking sticks

Christmas pudding

Also known as plum pudding, or figgy pudding, the traditional British Christmas pudding, in its round incarnation, is thought by many to represent the world.

This candle is great fun to make, looks almost as good as a real Christmas pudding and is sure to set someone's world on fire if given as a gift!

INSTRUCTIONS

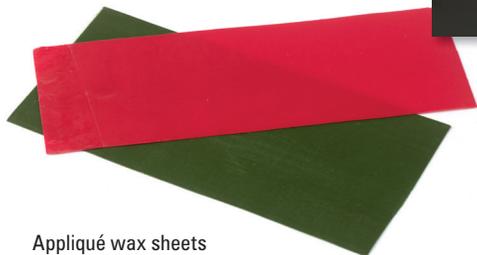
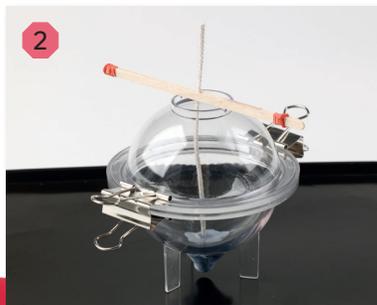
- 1 Melt 280g (10oz) of soy pillar wax in the double boiler.
- 2 Thread the wick through the tube at the bottom of the mould and tie a knot in the wick underneath the mould. Secure the wick in place with adhesive putty then turn the mould upright again. Attach wicking sticks at the top of the mould.
- 3 Once the wax has melted and is at about 70°C (158°F), decant the melted wax into the metal jug.
- 4 Let the wax cool slightly to around 60°C (140°F). Once at this temperature, slowly pour the wax into the sphere mould. Save a small amount of wax in the jug to fill any dips that appear in the candle base.
- 5 Gently tap the mould to release any air bubbles and check the wick is centred.

NOTE

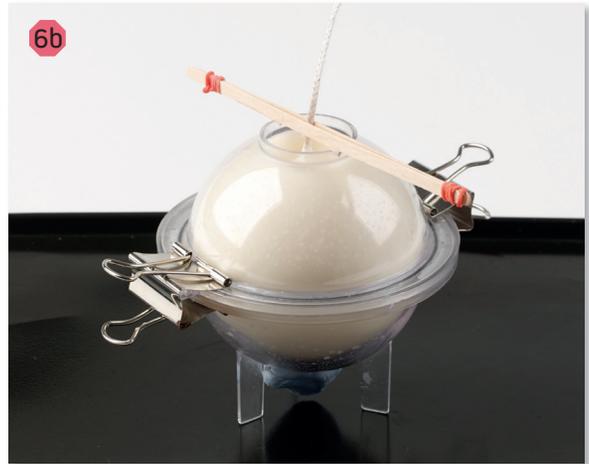
You can secure the two halves of the sphere mould using foldback clips.



Sphere candle mould



Appliqué wax sheets



- 6** Leave the candle to set fully. Depending on the ambient temperature, this will take about two hours.
- 7** When the candle has set, remove the foldback clips and wicking sticks, turn the mould upside-down, remove the adhesive putty and untie the knot. Do not cut the wick yet!
- 8** The candle will have shrunk slightly so should easily slide out of the mould. Trim the bottom wick flush with the base of the candle.
- 9** Melt 100g (3½oz) soy pillar wax in the double boiler.
- 10** Once the wax has melted and is at 70°C (158°F) decant into the heat-resistant bowl. Add the brown candle dye to the bowl and stir gently until the dye has dissolved.



Tip
Hold the wick firmly when you are dipping the candle into the brown wax. The last thing you want to do is drop the candle into the wax!

- 11 Holding the top of the wick of the sphere candle, dip the bottom half of the sphere into the bowl of brown wax for about five seconds. Lift out and allow the wax to drip back into the bowl. Allow to cool for one minute.
- 12 Repeat the dipping action until the bottom half of the sphere is dark brown.
- 13 Melt 100g (3½oz) soy pillar wax in the double boiler.
- 14 Once the wax has melted and is at about 70°C (158°F), decant into a metal jug.
- 15 Place the candle on a baking tray. Use a spoon to pour the wax over the top of the candle so it looks like poured custard. Leave the candle to set.
- 16 Take up the green appliqué wax sheet. Remove its backing sheet and, using scissors, cut out two small triangles roughly 2 x 1 x 1cm (¾ x ½ x ½in) to form holly leaves.
- 17 Next, tear off a little wax from the red appliqué sheet. Roll out three red, pea-sized balls for holly berries.
- 18 Place the leaves and berries on top of the candle.
- 19 Finally, trim the wick to 0.5cm (¼in).



The finished candle

This Christmas pudding candle takes pride of place on the Christmas dinner table.

