



**Candle  
Magic  
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Magic**

## History of Candles

Candles have been used as sources of light for thousands of years. The ways in which these candles have been made has differed greatly over time. There has also been a wide variety of different ways in which candles have been fuelled and also a wide variety of different uses for candles. The humble candle has become a multi use item with thousands of benefits that go well beyond the initial use - to produce light.

The candle's other primary function has been to provide heat and many versions of candles have been developed to maximise the heat output. Candles have been around for a long time and in this time they have been used in religious ceremonies and also for timekeeping as well as for decoration, for air freshening and also for adorning a birthday cake.

The products used to create candles are different all over the world and throughout time candles have been made out of different substances. Candles that were made in the early parts of the 19th century were made from beef fat rendering known as tallow. The modern candles are more commonly made from wax. There are many different types of wax including gel, soy and [beeswax](#) but the most predominant type of wax is paraffin.

Candles are typically made with a wick that is lit. This wick is covered in wax which melts and vaporises. This vaporised wax provides fuel to the fire and keeps the flame burning. This encourages the candle to burn slowly and last for a long time. The process is also beneficial as it is self sustaining and does not require the person to monitor the candle or relight it.

As the flame warms the wax into vapour it works slowly down the candle and slowly uses up the wax. This is an efficient method that makes candles last longer. The science behind the burning of a candle helps us understand the processes that go on when a candle burns. In the area of the candle that burns blue a reaction is taking place in which the hydrogen is being separated from the wax and is burning. This process results in water vapour. The yellowy section of the flame occurs as a result of the oxidisation process that sees carbon dioxide being created from the carbon.

The position of the wick as these processes take place is very important to the time in which the wax is fuelled. One way to slow the rate at which the wax is used up is to reduce the length of the wick. The shorter the length of the wick that is exposed the longer the candle will last. Many people often decide to cut their candle wicks short manually with scissors to lengthen the life span of their candles. There are even special instruments called wick trimmers that are designed to make this task easier.

There is evidence of candles that were in use in Roman times. At this period of

time many candles were made from the animal fat residues and the long pith found in a rush. Beeswax was used as a fuel by the Egyptians and many of their candles date back over 3000 years. By the 18th century was much more common for the fuel to be extracted from the oil taken from sperm whales.

## **Candle Magic History**

Candle Magic has been around for many, many years, being traced as far back as the Palaeolithic era. It is a very powerful form of sympathetic magic.

There are many factors that play into the art of candle magic.

Keep in mind that some candle magic has to be repeated over a period of days.

Therefore, you will want to place them in an area that will not be disturbed.

Do not choose a place where there is a TV, radio noise or disturbances of any kind. Keep in mind to not put candles near curtains and such, as you would not want to burn your house down.

Candle magic should always be performed in a low traffic area.

Any type of candle can be used for candle magic as long as it has been cleansed and [consecrated](#) prior to use.

Cleansing removes any negative energies that the candle has picked up along the way. As with all supplies you want your candles to be as free of psychic debris as possible.

The candles you use for any type of magical use should be unused.

Under no circumstances use a candle which has already adorned a dinner table or been used as a bedroom candle or night-light.

Vibrations picked up by second-hand materials or equipment may disturb your workings and negate their effectiveness.

Once you have purchased or made your ritual candle it has to be [oiled](#) or 'dressed' before burning. The purpose of dressing the candle is to establish a psychic link between it and the magician through a primal sensory experience. By physically touching the candle during the dressing procedure, you are charging it with your own personal vibrations and also concentrating the desire of your magical act into the wax.

## **Figure Candles**

Female Candle: ([White](#)) Feminine Mysteries, Contacting the Goddess, Healing a Woman, Love Magic to draw a female to you, Protecting a Woman from another.

[Cat](#): Hex-breaking, Reversing Black Magic, Uncrossing, Stopping Slander and Gossip.

[Adam and Eve \(Lovers\) Candle](#): Lust, Love, Romance, Fertility.

Marriage Candle: Green - Fertility; [Red](#) - Fidelity, Strengthening Family Unity; [Black](#) - Ending a Relationship, Transformation After Divorce.

Seven Knob Candle: ([White](#)) Protection, Wish Magic, General Spell Intentions; [Green](#) - Fertility, Good Fortune, Wealth, Healing, Green Magic, Fertility (Plant or

Earth); [Red](#) - Lust, Love, Romance, Healing, Energizing, Fertility (Human or Animal); [Black](#) - Banishing, Binding, Protection.

### **Dressing a Candle**

Chose type and colour of candle appropriate for the ritual at hand.

Cleanse the candle prior energies: you may use water, [salt](#), pure [soap](#), or baby oil (all previously blessed and consecrated).

Bless the [anointing](#) oil to be used, appropriate to ritual.

State and engrave (if you wish) what the candle is to represent.

Anoint the candle with oil and focus on desire (purpose of ritual).

For ritual of achievement: anoint oil from the top of the candle to the middle in a downward motion, then from the bottom of the candle to the middle in an upward motion.

For ritual of [banishment](#): anoint oil from the middle of the candle to the top in an upwards motion and then from the middle to the bottom of the candle in a downwards motion.

Bless the candle and then meditate on the desired outcome.

Some do not use matches to light candles, the sulphur is considered unclean. If you feel this, use an incense starter or [stick](#) to light your candles. Others feel that lighters are not natural enough - choose the method that you feel comfortable with.

To extinguish a candle, snuff it out, do not blow it out. Blowing a candle out blows desires away and is considered by some to be an affront to the element of fire.



### **Colour Correspondences**

Colour: [Red](#)

Direction: South

Element: Fire

Chakra: 1st

Deity: Ares, Astarte, Isis, Mars, Great Goddess, Moon Goddesses

Planet: Mars

Influences: Energy, Health, Passion, Power, Protection, Sex, Strength, Vitality.

Colour: [Pink](#)

Direction: South

Element: Fire

Chakra: 4th

Deity: Aphrodite, Venus

Planet: Venus

Influences: Affection, Emotions, Femininity, Friendship, Love, Peace, Romance.

Colour: [Orange](#)

Direction: South

Element: Fire

Chakra: 2nd

Deity: Copper Woman

Planet: Mercury

Influences: Attraction, Business, Creativity, Legal Matters, Success.

Colour: [Yellow](#)

Direction: East

Element: Air

Chakra: 3rd

Deity: Orunmila, Oshoshi, Ra, Shakti, Sun Deities

Planet: Sun

Influences: Attraction, Confidence, Creativity, Happiness, Solar Magic, Wisdom.

Colour: [Green](#)  
Direction: North  
Element: Earth  
Chakra: 4th  
Deity: Allah, Aphrodite, Green Man, Isis, Ogun, Osiris  
Planet: Earth, Venua  
Influences: Employment, Growth, Healing, Fertility, Luck, Prosperity, Success.

Colour: [Blue](#)  
Direction: West  
Element: Water  
Chakra: 5th  
Deity: Anu, Aphrodite, Isis, Triple Goddess, Vishnu, Zeus  
Planet: Jupiter, Saturn  
Influences: Abundance, Business, Dreams, Forgiveness, Friendship, Harmony, Healing, Inspiration, Legal Matters, Meditation, Peace, Prophetic Dreams, Philosophy, Protection, Politics, Publishing, Reading, Self-Improvement, Sleep, Tranquillity, Truth, Undines, Wealth, Wisdom.

Colour: [Purple](#)  
Direction: East  
Element: Air  
Chakra: 6th  
Deity: Maman Brigitte, Oya, Yansa  
Planet: Jupiter  
Influences: Astral Projection, Divination, Power, Prophecy, Psychic Ability, Secrets, Spirituality, Success, Wisdom.

Colour: [Black](#)  
Direction: North  
Element: Water  
Chakra: 1st  
Deity: Demeter, Elegba, Great Goddess, Kali, Moon Goddesses, Ogun, Osiris  
Planet: Saturn  
Influences: Banishing, Binding, Bones, Crone, Death, Debts, Divination, Endings, Exorcism, Feminine Divinity, Manifestation, Meditation, Mourning, Mystery, Protection, Reality, Repels Negativity, Resurrection, Sacrifice, Separation, Shape-shifting, Spirits, Stability, Structure, Tests, Transformation, Truth, Unconscious, Uncrossing.

Colour: [White](#)  
Direction: East  
Element: Air  
Chakra: 7th  
Deity: Aphrodite, Cerridwen, Moon Goddesses, Triple Goddess, Yemaya, Great Goddess  
Planet: Moon  
Influences: Completeness, Enlightenment, Healing, Higher Self, Innocence, Insight, Lunar Magic, Meditation, Peace, Purity, Truth, Spirit, Virginity  
\*As it contains all the colours of the spectrum White can be used as a substitute for any other colour.

Colour: [Gold](#)

Direction: South  
Element: Fire  
Chakra:  
Deity: Solar Deities  
Planet: Sun  
Influences: Ambition, Career, Cosmic Influences, Divination, Fortune, Health, Inner Strength, Luck, Money, Promotion, Success, Sun.

Colour: [Silver](#)  
Direction: East  
Element: Air  
Chakra:  
Deity: Moon Goddesses  
Planet: Moon  
Influences: Goddess, Lunar Magic, Meditation, Psychic Abilities, Stability, Warding Off Negativity.

### **Astrological Correspondences**

Aries (March 21 April 20) Ruling planet - Mars. Shades of red, usually the darker shades of scarlet or crimson. Magically the planet Mars is the purifier and destroyer who sweeps aside the stagnant, the unwanted and the redundant so progress can be made. Alternatively, the planet of war also represents the creative principle and the unconscious urge for the human species to reproduce itself, for life and death are two aspects of the same energy.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) Ruling planet - Venus. Green, ranging from the palest apple green to the dark olive of the earth forces. In magical lore the Venus energy represents the spiritual desire to unite the opposites and balance the dual forces of male and female. This union was known to the medieval alchemists as "the sacred marriage" and is symbolized in magic and Wicca by the ritual metaphor of the sword in the chalice.

Gemini (May 22 June 21) Ruling planet - Mercury Yellow is the colour of this Zodiac sign representing communication and the power of the mind. In occult tradition Gemini is a symbol of the dualism which manifests from the transcendental Oneness and of magus who acts as a go-between carrying messages between Middle Earth and the Otherworld.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Ruling planet - the moon. Metallic blue and silver are the colours of the lunar sphere. It is the realm of the unconscious, the hidden side of the personality and psychic forces.

Leo (July 23-August 23) Ruling planet - the sun. Its colours are gold and orange. The sun represents the life force and is the visible symbol of the Cosmic Creator in the solar system.

Virgo (August 24-September 23) Ruling planet - Mercury. Reddish-yellow is the colour associated with this alternative aspect of Mercurial energy It represents the analytical abilities of the mind symbolized by the quest for scientific knowledge.

Libra (September 24-October 23) Ruling planet - Venus. Libra's colours are sky blue and rose pink. It symbolizes the heights attainable by romantic and spiritual love.

Scorpio (October 24-November 22) Ruling planet - Pluto. Dark red or silvery gray  
The energy of the Plutonian sphere is connected with Mars and represents death and regeneration. It rules over the underworld, the spirits of the departed and nuclear power.

Sagittarius (November 23-December 21 ) Ruling planet - Jupiter. Purple and royal blue are the colours of this Zodiac sign. It is an expansive planetary energy connected with the world of finance and social matters.

Capricorn (December 22 January 20) Ruling planet - Saturn. Black is the primary colour of Saturn energy It rules karma, fate and destiny, the law, old age and property matters.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19) Ruling planet - Uranus. The colour of this astrological sign combines all the shades of the spectrum in a flashing rainbow pattern. This planetary energy is a higher octave of Saturn and rules over magic (forces, astrology and modern technology like television, video and computers).

Pisces (February 20-March 20) Ruling planet - Neptune. Sea-green or indigo are the colours of Pisces, which is connected with the planetary energy of Jupiter. It rules over inspiration, matters connected with the sea and entertainment, especially the movie industry.

## **Spells**

### *\* Basic Candle Magic Spell*

Write down the objective of your ritual on a piece of paper. You can use colour paper which matches the candle. As you write down what you want to accomplish through candle magic - a new job, healing for a friend, a change of residence, a new love affair, etc. visualize your dream coming true. Visualize the circumstances under which you might be offered a new job, imagine your employer telling you that your salary has been increased or conjure up a vision of your perfect love partner.

When you have completed writing down your petition, carefully fold up the paper in a deliberately slow fashion. Place the end of the folded paper in the candle flame and set light to it. As you do this concentrate once more on what you want from life.

When you have completed your ritual, allow the candle to have completely burned away. You do not need to stay with the candle after the ritual, but make sure that it is safe and that red-hot wax will not cause damage or fire.

### *\* Blessing Spell*

Take a [white](#) candle - either tapered or a figure candle to represent the person. Carve the person's full name onto the candle and anoint with a suitable oil. Place the candle in the holder, and place the holder on top of a photograph of the



person.

(If you cannot obtain a photograph then a personal item will suffice)

Light the candle and say:

"Name" - may you be blessed

May all good things come to you

May nothing cause you harm

May your heart be light

May your travels be safe

May your health be good

May your mind be sound

May your friendships be fruitful

May you be blessed in everyway.

Allow to burn for a period of time before extinguishing.

Repeat for 7 days.

*\* To Reverse Spells Cast with Candle Magic*

Light two [black](#) candles and chant:

In the name of the Gods and all ye Spirits

In the name of [Cernunnos](#) and the light and the dark

And the Gods of the Netherworld

And whosoever shall be casting a curse against me

Let them suffer their own curse

Let these candles be their candles

This burning be their burning

This curse be their curse

Let the pain they have caused me and mine

Fall upon themselves

Do this spell for five consecutive nights (as close to midnight as possible) and each night

Chant the spell until the candles are spent.

*\* Distance Healing Spell*

Carve a [white](#) candle (plain, human figure, praying hands etc.) with a name and/or identifying information for the person for whom the healing spell is intended.

Soak [Hyssop](#) in Olive Oil and then use the oil to dress the candle.

Burn the candle - you may also want to say a prayer, recite a poem etc.

*\* Employment Spell*

Large Green Candle

Large Red Candle

Time: Thursdays (only after you have submitted your resume or applications)

Procedure:

With a pin or sharp knife, write the name of the company(s) you want to work for on the side of the large green candle. On the red candle, you need to carve the

victory rune (Tiwaz, it looks like an arrow, pointing up) and your full name. Burn both candles for 30 minutes on Thursday after the sun sets, while visualizing yourself getting the kind of job you want. At the end of the 30 minutes, snuff the candles (do not blow them out). Burn them each Thursday after that for 15 minutes until they burn out, or until you get the job.

Once you get a job, dispose of the candles and leave a small bowl of milk outside overnight as an offering.

*\* Lighting the Altar Candle Chant*

"I light this candle in the name of that ancient presence which is, was and ever shall be male, female, all-knowing, all-powerful and present everywhere. In the name of the four mighty ones, the rulers of the elements, may power and blessing descend in this hour, upon this place and those gathered here."

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