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"There's a need in me to write.
When I write I lose track of time and experience bliss."

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How to Make & Market Gel Candles that Sell Like Wildfire! is the perfect tool to get started in making and marketing gel candles. It and the website serve as your resource guide. Visit online at: www.howtomakegelcandles.com/resources.htm

The website features [The Gel Candle Resource Center©](#) for candle makers, crafters and soap makers; and encourages reciprocal linking; and article submissions to the [Gel Candle News©](#) newsletter.

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Gel candles are fun, beautiful, decorative,
creative and addictive.

Addictive? YES!

To the uninitiated... the addiction of a Gel Candle
may seem incomprehensible.

Unless you've made gel candles you cannot appreciate how
addictive it is to create these works of art with their 3D effects.

And unless you've burned a gel candle, you simply cannot
appreciate how mesmerizing it is to watch as the light dances...
reflects... off the creation, bringing the candle to life!

And just what the heck are gel boogers?

Unless you've made gel candles you just cannot appreciate
how the little pieces or balls of gel seem to appear out of
nowhere... relentlessly sticking to surfaces and body parts.

Has your life been taken over by gel candle making?

Just how addicted are you????

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- ✚ Is your candy thermometer no longer used for candy?
- ✚ Does your kitchen table serve more gel candles than meals?
- ✚ Do you have a cooking pot left?
- ✚ Did you forget to pick up the kids from soccer practice?
- ✚ Do you spend countless hours on the forums... instead of sleeping?
- ✚ Are there Gel "goobers" in every nick and cranny?
- ✚ Does your bathroom, living room, pantry and bedroom have more boxes than a UPS warehouse?

The following essays are from a contest held at the website:
<http://www.howtomakegelcandles.com>.

When the contest was offered, it was never dreamt there could be so many terrific entries. It was extremely difficult to pick a winner. They were all terrific! Winners and entrants received gift certificates from [Kewl Candle](#).

By taking the time to read the following gel-a-holics comments, perhaps you too will find yourself relating to their addictions and love for the gel candle creations.

If you are not already 'addicted to gel' perhaps you'll be joining us soon! But we must warn you... there is no cure!

One of the best ways to learn more about this hobby or business is at: <http://www.howtomakegelcandles.com>

At the website, we invite you to peruse the newsletter articles, research the resources, and join in the forums, order the books and videos... and you'll soon find yourself proudly joining the ranks of International

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Gel Candles Retailer

I have a large extended family and wanted to make gifts for them last Christmas. I followed the gelatin recipe to make them, what I hoped to be, wonderful gifts. Instead they came out funny looking and the only way I could smell them was if I buried my nose in them.

It was a problem because of course, not only did they not smell very good; they also had my nose prints in them.

I decided to buy wicks for them. Stuck those puppies in there and lo and behold if those things didn't go right out as soon as they hit the gelatin. Not one to be beaten by these globs, I rushed out to buy floater candles. Stuck those on the top of the gelatinous mess.

They were quite pretty and not only covered the nose imprints; they also burned until they got to the gelatin.

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I ended up embarrassed by the fact that I had to put a note on each "gift" saying they couldn't be burned they were just for decoration.

Unfortunately, this whole debacle had awakened a creative yearning within me that I didn't know I possessed. I mean I can't even color within the lines in a coloring book.

This led me to the Internet once again and I found gel candles. For one of my Christmas presents I was able to buy and download the e-book "[How to Make & Market Gel Candles That Sell Like Wildfire](#)" (which of course, I lost)

That was the beginning of the end.



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My next step was to order a kit. I got that in January and despite my excitement and impatience (the UPS® man got tired of me following him around his route because I was waiting on my kit!)

I didn't open that box for at least a week, because I KNEW that I would be so addicted that I wouldn't be able to stop... and that ordering supplies was not an option for us at the time, being on a limited budget.

Not only did I gloat shamelessly over my first creation to my gel candle egroups I took countless pictures, from every conceivable angle and expected them to look at them all and praise my work to the highest heavens.

Looking back you would think I had created something capable of changing the world! Thank goodness my buddies came through and complimented every candle, even though I managed to make it putrid green with the wick hanging over the side of the glass.

I now know they are all liars, but I like them anyway 'cause sometimes a little white lie is crucial to save someone from hiding in a closet inhaling Cheetos® to recover from the disappointment.

I used to have a kitchen table... a huge oak affair... that would comfortably seat the whole family.



I have always been a firm believer that families should eat together.

That was before gel candles.

That beautiful table no longer holds food. It holds glassware, candles; candle-making paraphernalia, packing supplies and is coated with gel boogers.

We all eat in the living room now.

Thank goodness my family shares my priorities.

My counters are usually covered with newspaper and Presto® pots. I have three of them now and don't feel I have enough.

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And if they don't, they don't dare complain... because I'm on a mission and will NOT be stopped.



I have glassware and supplies in every nook and cranny of this house.

I have moved food in the pantry to accommodate it.

I have two cabinets full of supplies and drawers and boxes full of embeds.

Underneath my table resides extra boxes and of course, extra glassware.

I have a box of extra scents in my daughters' room, which I will have to move because the brat has been pouring them in the litter box.

I'm so obsessed by this craft that I have made sacrifices that only the truly demented would make.

I wear underwear held together with safety pins rather than buy new ones. My husband's T-shirts are now community property, because I will not buy any for myself.

I use generic soap to wash my hair because it leaves me extra dough for my candles.

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I think nothing of gel boogers on my clothes and in my hair while I'm working.

Found one on my ear lobe once after returning from the grocery store.

My fingernails are multicolored from the many dyes I use.

In other words I'm pretty much a mess.

And I don't care.

Obviously my obsession is so bad that I had to find a way to make money off of these candles. So now we go door to door, humiliated beyond belief to sell them, just so I can buy more supplies.

My UPS® man (who is still kind of wary of me because I followed him that week in January) visits me often. I don't see him much because he kinds of drops off the stuff and runs.

Each box is like Christmas. I open it and ooh and ahh over it, relishing the smells, the wicks and stickums, the colors that will eventually appease my need to create.

My creations may not be the best, but that does not stop me from needing to make them. They provide me with a creative outlet and in the last week have also given me a sense of peace in a world that is riddled with anxiety and pain.

I ran out of gel last week and found myself completely lost.

While I jest about how truly obsessed I am, I have found them to be immeasurably helpful to my heart...even if I DO spend hours watching the bubble rising in a candle under the Halogen lamp.



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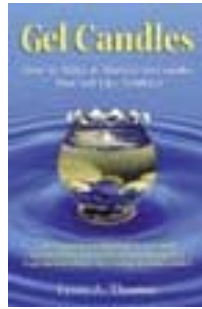
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