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RECOMMENDED USAGE FOR FRAGRANCES

Candle-makers are using fragrances at levels between 1% and 10%. Most, however, are using **4-6% fragrance to make a highly scented candle**. More fragrance will create a more strongly scented candle, and less fragrance will create a more lightly scented candle.

You may measure by weight, using a scale, or by volume, using measuring cups or spoons. It is important to choose a method and consistently use that method since slightly different results may be obtained if you measure by weight one time and by volume the next time.

In order to calculate how much fragrance to use, multiply the batch size by the percentage of fragrance you wish to use.

Total batch size x percentage of fragrance = amount of fragrance to use

For example, if you want to use 5% fragrance in your 10 lb. batch, you will need to multiply 10 lbs. by 5% (or by 0.05 if you do not use the percent key).

10 lbs x 5% = 0.5 lbs or 8 oz.

1 ounce of fragrance per 1 pound of wax = 6% fragrance

1/2 ounce of fragrance per 1 pound of wax = 3% fragrance

Too much fragrance without the proper additives can make your candles oily.

When using more than 3% or 4% fragrance, you will need to use additives like Stearic acid, vybar, and or microcrystalline wax to absorb the excess oil caused by the fragrance. Mottling is caused by increased levels of oil or fragrance in the wax, so if you do not like that look, it is very important to use the above additives. If you like the mottled look and you want to use more than 3-4% fragrance, use a very small amount (1% or less) of Stearic acid. Experiment with it until you get the preferred results.