

Candle Magick



Im going to cover the basics in color association, how to anoint and dress candles, and how to burn and extinguish them properly. I'll also provide some hints, tips, and tricks I've picked up from practice. I encourage you to find some good books and learn more if you wish to expand into Candle Magic.

Three Things To Consider before working any kind of magic...

- 1) What are you actually trying to manifest? Be as specific as possible.
- 2) Be 100% sure that you want to do the magic. There's no such thing as a reversal spell. Once it's done, you can't take it back. Don't do magick when angry, scared or unsure.
- 3) What is the best time to do the spell? Moon phase, time of year, time of day, day of the week, what zodiac the moon is in - these factors may help boost your spell but if you need to do something it's not required to wait.

Be realistic. There are some things that not even magic can make happen.



Once you have addressed those three things, here's how you move forward.

- 1) Select your candle – you can choose a candle that is color associated with your intent. See the color association chart in this course's PDF.
- 2) Carve your intention into the candle
- 3) Anoint your candle with the oil(s) of your choice
 - anoint from wick to base to increase, manifest or draw something to you
 - anoint from base to wick to decrease, banish or release something
- 4) Charge your candle with energy
- 5) Surround your candle with an herb mixture blended to support your intent
- 6) Place power stones/crystals around your candle (cleansed and charged works best – you should cleanse and charge your stones between workings unless you want them to retain that specific spell's energy)
- 7) Light the candle and focus on your intent (I like to gaze into the flame while visualizing what things look/feel like after my intention has come to fruition – like it's already happened)
- 8) Let the candle burn all the way down/out. Do not extinguish it unless this is a multi-day long-term spell (more advanced) and NEVER EVER blow a candle out (There is one caveat to this: if you are banishing/releasing something and the candle is almost gone you can use the power of your breath as the final push to the banish/releasing energies.) Use a snuffer, or your fingers to extinguish the flames.





You can use any type of candle you prefer. From the tiny birthday candles to larger pillar and taper candles. It just depends on how long you need the candle to burn, and what you personally prefer.

Candle Colors and Their Meaning



White Candle

peace, purity, healing, innocence, divination, exorcism



Green Candle

growth, luck, tree, plants, earth, nature, money, success, jealousy



Pink Candle

love, caring, friendship, maturity, affection, nurturing, femininity



Blue Candle

protection, focus, forgiveness, good fortune, water, truth, calm



Red Candle

passion, strength, fire, survival, career, lust, action, independence



Purple Candle

spiritual power, government, break habit, drive away evil



Orange Candle

creativity, justice, legal matters, joy, ambition, opportunity, celebration



Brown Candle

house blessing, pets, animals, earth, stability, locating lost items



Yellow Candle

sun, intelligence, luxury, memory, masculinity, positive attitude



Black Candle

safety, protection, banish negativity, pride, shapeshifting

Pay attention to the flame

The way the flame behaves will tell you a lot. Check out these amazing resources I found recently on Pinterest. Here's where you can find the original pin. <https://pin.it/1Y13euH>



There is a lot of energy behind your spell. Barriers to your success are quickly falling away. A fast, happy result is likely.



A low-burning flame indicates less energy is fueling the spell. A small but steadily burning flame is still a good sign—though it signals a need for patience and focus. A positive result is likely, though there may be a delay. Be persistent and keep your eye on the goal. If the candle flame increases in size during the working, it means the energy behind the spell is growing.



Generally, uneventful candle burnings are a good sign. When the candle burns without a lot of smoke, movement, noise, or dripping, your spellwork is going as planned. The results will manifest as expected. (Though not, perhaps, as quickly or dramatically as you might like.)



A small flame that flickers and bends is not a great sign in candle magick. The timing of the working could be wrong. Or you could be asking for an outcome that is unlikely or unfavorable in the long run. If the small flame falters or drowns in the melted wax, that is a sure sign that your petition will not be granted at this time.



An erratic, dancing flame signifies high energy in a spell—but also chaotic energy. A large dancing flame suggests success, but with potential complications. A small one means the spell may be overwhelmed by opposing forces. There may be other wills consciously or unconsciously working against you. Watch the flame closely to see if its shape or motion reveals anything to you.



Sometimes a candle flame will dim and brighten, dim and brighten, as if someone is flicking a light switch. In some folk magick traditions, a flickering candle flame is a certain indicator that spirits are present. If the candle is being used for devotional work (e.g. with gods, angels, or higher spirit guides), it means that the invocation was successful and your prayers are being acknowledged. A flickering candle flame is mildly trance-inducing, so you can use it as an opportunity to scry the fire for additional insights.



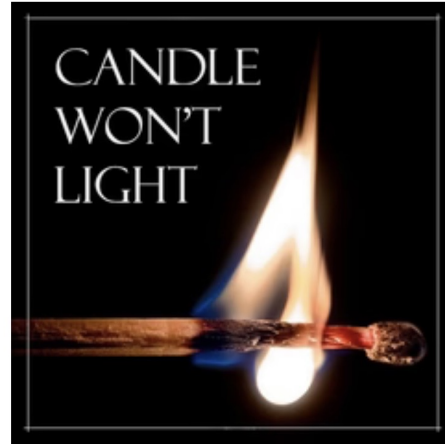
A noisy candle indicates communication with (or interference by) outside forces. An uneven burn can signal that someone or something is working against you. Add more concentration and energy to the spell. (Or withdraw if you sense the resistance is too great.) Hisses, sputters, and whistles are sometimes said to carry messages from ancestors and spirits—try listening to them and hearing what they say.



The working is finished. A stronger opposing force has put an end to it. You should open the circle, ground yourself, and leave it be. Usually this means that your petition or spell—whatever it may be—will not manifest. However, in some cases, it can mean that the objective of the working has already been attained.



A candle flame that stubbornly stays lit means, “Sit down—you’re not done.” Perhaps you skipped a step or missed some important message during your candle magick ritual. Some helpful spirit or guide is nudging you to go back for what you forgot. When you feel that it has been settled, try extinguishing the candle again. Traditionally, spell candles are pinched or snuffed out—never blown.



This spell cannot help you win the result you seek. The outcome may have already been decided, or be outside of your control. Take some time (days or weeks) to refocus your intention before trying again. (You can do a divination instead to find out more about what is blocking you.) Meditation and spiritual cleansing may be required before you can proceed with the spell.



Abundant smoke is not a good or a bad sign. It indicates the element of Air is present in the spell, the element of communication and observation. When a spell candle puts out lots of smoke, you are being called upon to use your eyes and mind to read the situation. Look at the shape, color, timing, and movement of the smoke to gather helpful information about the working.



White smoke is widely regarded to be a sign of blessings and benevolent spirits. If a candle breathes out a puff of white smoke, especially at a significant moment, it means that your wish will be granted.



Dense, black smoke coming from a ritual candle is thought to represent negative energy. Conflict, bad luck, and opposing purposes surround your spellwork. Spend some time in prayer or meditation and do a cleansing ritual before proceeding with the working.



If the smoke from a ritual candle moves towards you, it portends success in attracting what you seek. For spells to draw love, money, or healing, this is a great sign. It means you will shortly achieve what you desire. The exception is for negative workings—curses, hexes, and tricks. If the candle smoke from a hexing candle moves toward you (or fills the room), it hints that you will not be able to escape responsibility for the effects of your magick.



Smoke that moves dramatically away from you represents energies that are outward bound. In most spells, this is not a good omen. It means that something is escaping your grasp.

However, in spells to heal, influence, and manipulate others, the travelling smoke can mean that the working is going as planned. Pay attention to the speed, direction, and shape of the smoke to determine if your magick is on track.



Blue fire is a sign of spiritual presence. It is the color of Angelic and Faery fire. If a spell candle burns blue or blue-white, it is a sign that high spiritual beings have taken an interest in your magick. Red or yellow flame means that more mundane—but still potentially powerful—energy is fueling the spell.



This is most common with large pillars and container candles, but it can also happen with votives and other candle shapes. The melted wax is centered closely around the wick, leaving tall walls of wax on the sides.

Nobody likes it when a candle burns incompletely, and it's not a good sign in magick, either. It usually means that your will is too weak to cast an effective spell at this time. Or that the spell's energies have been blocked from reaching their intended target.



A candle that is not properly contained or leveled will often develop a hole in the side, causing melted wax to drip out quickly and shortening the life of the candle. "Spending" a candle quickly is not necessarily a bad sign—it can mean that there is passionate, accelerated energy behind your spell.

A pile of wax drippings is always an invitation to ceromancy (divination by wax). Examine the hardened wax with an open mind, seeing if any shapes or message emerge. There is a whole collection of folklore about what the various shapes mean...or you can just use your intuition.



This is a sign of a well-conceived and properly executed spell. (It is also, I must say, the sign of a well-positioned and correctly-sized wick.) Your spell will go exactly as you have written and expressed it. The candle magick gods have no lessons for you today.



Something is out of balance. Expect an incomplete result. Some say that drips on the left (in relation to the magick worker) represent an emotional or psychic imbalance, while drips on the right mean your thoughts and beliefs are getting in the way of the spell.



Sometimes, little bits of burnt wick will break off and sink in the melted wax. ("Candle crud" is the scientific term.) Debris in the wax signifies unintended consequences or work that will need to be done after the spell is complete. Guilt, broken hearts, karmic baggage, new hassles, and so on. Usually it's not super-serious—but not fun, either. Proceed with the working, but be ready to do some clean-up afterwards.

A candle explodes, or a container breaks, or some other dramatic candle mishap.



A dramatic ending to your candle-burning ritual means the spellwork has been vetoed by a greater power. Cleanse yourself and your ritual space, and abandon the working until you have more information.



It is rare for a tall jar candle to burn without any soot appearing on the candle. Magick workers read the amount and location of the soot to gather information about the success or failure of the working.

Black soot is generally taken to be a sign of negative energy or interference within a spell working. If it appears only at the top of the jar, the opposition has most likely been overcome. If it covers the entire surface of the container, it means that the working has been thwarted and may need to be repeated.

White soot is a far rarer occurrence, and is said to represent spiritual communication and assistance.

Neutral Status Candle

This is a neutral, plain candle you keep burning near by as a reference to compare your spell candle to.