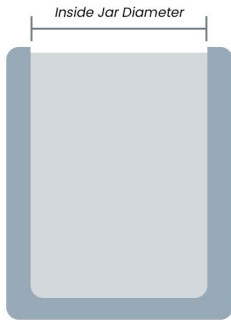


Choosing the best wick

The wick is perhaps the most critical component of the overall candle system. A correctly sized wick ensures there is enough heat to melt your wax and, importantly, generate a beautiful fragrance scent in your room. Chandlers call this the “hot throw”. If you are making candles at home in various size jars, perhaps re-using an old jar, this guide will make it easy for you to find the best size wick. Just remember, this guide is a starting point and results can vary depending on the other components of your candle recipe. Have a go, keep good notes for next time, and have fun. 😊



1. Measure Jar Diameter

When choosing a wick the most important part is getting the correct thickness of wick as this is the energy source of your candle and what creates the heat to melt the wax. The first thing to do is measure the internal diameter of the candle jar which means measuring across the jar from inside to inside edge.

This measurement is needed to help match a suitable wick using the wick chart on the right. For a straight sided jar simply measure across the top of the jar from one side to the other. For a tapered jar you want to measure the widest point at which there will be wax in the jar.

2. Choose a Wick

To select the right wick you will need to refer to the wick chart on the right. All you need to do is match the diameter of your jar with the chart. There are often two or more wicks that match your size, this is to allow for “fine tuning” due to the many variables in candle recipes.

We recommend starting out at the higher end of the scale and testing from there. If your diameter is wider than what our chart reaches then divide your diameter by the amount of wicks you would like to use.

EG: 120mm divided by two = 60mm. Use two wicks spaced evenly that burn 60mm.

Chandler and Me Wick Chart

Wick Code	Diameter Guide
Size 6L (Light)	2.16" - 2.55"
Size 6M (Medium)	2.55" - 2.75"
Size 6H (Heavy)	2.55" - 2.75"
Size 7L (Light)	2.55" - 3.14"
Size 7M (Medium)	2.75" - 3.14"
Size 7H (Heavy)	2.95" - 3.14"
Size 8L (Light)	3.14" - 3.54"
Size 8M (Medium)	3.34" - 3.54"
Size 8H (Heavy)	3.54" - 3.74"

Each family size of wick (e.g.6,7,8) is supplied in three different thicknesses L,M,H with Light being best for using with thinner fragrances such as some florals and fruits and Heavy working harder with the likes of Vanilla's and musks. Medium, is middle of the road.

Our wicks are a braided candle wick made from textile-grade Egyptian cotton and are developed to work best in natural waxes, especially soy wax. These wicks tend to burn cleanly and can be less prone to mushrooming (subject to testing and fine tuning). The Chandler and Me wicks are all natural and are Zinc and Lead free.