

# Wax Museum

With their bold colors and shapely designs, these candles could double as sculptures.

Striking when arranged in a group, they'll make an instant statement that leaves only one question: to burn or not to burn?

**On Exhibit**  
Use a pillar holder or nonflammable pedestal for short candles to elevate the drama.

**Still Life**  
Display candles with accessories like a match holder, wick trimmer, and/or a snuffer to create a mini vignette.

**Styling Trick**  
Even if you don't plan to burn the candle, light the wick briefly to blacken it. That gives the candle a more purposeful appearance.

## CANDLE CARE 101

To get the longest life out of your candles, trim the wick. A short, straight wick (about ¼ inch long) helps a candle burn slowly and evenly. For safety, always trim the wick after the candle has cooled and make sure to discard the excess. Another tip: Keep candles away from vents, windows, or drafty areas so the flame stays controlled and burns the wax straight down.

From left: ❶ Josee pillars in Sage, \$34 (medium), and Sangria, \$33 (tall); [greentreehomecandle.com](http://greentreehomecandle.com) ❷ A quirky twist on the traditional taper. Wave Taper Candles in Pink and Pale Blue, \$12 for set of two (one color); [urbanoutfitters.com](http://urbanoutfitters.com) ❸ Templo Candle Sculpture in Ash Green by Octaevio, \$38; [gretelhome.com](http://gretelhome.com) ❹ Geo Shaped Wax Candle in Rust, \$16; [urbanoutfitters.com](http://urbanoutfitters.com) ❺ Its small size works anywhere. Knot Shaped Soy Wax Candle in Blue, \$20; [yuibrooklyn.com](http://yuibrooklyn.com)

❻ Colorful stacked Pillar candles by Dutch designer Lex Pott, \$45 (small), and \$55 (medium); [us.hay.com](http://us.hay.com) ❼ Flip over the glass holder, pop the cork, and grab a match. Match Cloche in Violet, \$36 (also available for fireplace matches); [skeemshop.com](http://skeemshop.com) ❽ These candles' geometric lines are particularly eye-catching in varying heights and styles. Totem Candles by Grain in Forest, \$24 (large); Moss, \$16 (small); and Terracotta, \$20 (medium); [areaware.com](http://areaware.com). (All candles shown are unscented.) ■