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CANDLE HAVING A FRUIT PRESERVE APPEARANCE AND METHOD THEREFOR

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is related to pending U.S. patent application entitled “A CANDLE HAVING AN AQUATIC LOOK AND METHOD THEREFOR”, having a Ser. No. 09/771,509 and a filing date of Jan. 29, 2001, in the name of the same inventor as the present application. The related patent application is hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] This invention relates to candles and, more specifically, to a scented candle which has the appearance of a fruit preserve jar and a method of making the aforementioned.

[0004] 2. Description of the Prior Art

[0005] Candles have been around for many years. Recently, candles have become popular, once again, as a way to decorate ones home. People are placing candles of different sizes, shapes and scents through out one’s home. The problem with candles is that they have not changed much from candles made in the past. Candles are basically made by placing the wax in a mold. While the wax may be of different colors, and the candles may be of different sizes and shapes than in the past, candles are still very plain and dull looking. Present candles are not very decorative or artistic in appearance.

[0006] Therefore, a need existed to provide an improved candle. The improved candle must be more decorative and artistic in appearance. The improved candle must not only be decorative and artistic in appearance but must also provide a nice aroma whether or not the candle is being burned.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, it is an object of the present invention to provide an improved candle.

[0008] It is another object of the present invention to provide an improved candle that is more decorative and artistic in appearance.

[0009] It is still another object of the present invention to provide an improved candle that is not only decorative and artistic in appearance but also provides a nice aroma whether or not the candle is being burned.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0010] In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention a candle having a fruit preserve appearance is disclosed. The candle has a translucent container for holding the components of the candle. A fruit layer is positioned in the container. A first gel wax layer is placed in the container and on top of the fruit layer. A partition is placed in the container and on top of the gel wax layer. A wick assembly is coupled to the partition. A second gel wax layer is placed in the container and on top of the partition.

[0011] In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention a method of making a candle having a fruit preserve appearance is disclosed. The method comprises the steps of providing a translucent container for holding the candle; laying a fruit layer in the container; laying a first gel wax layer in the container and on top of the fruit layer; placing a partition in the container and on top of the gel wax layer; coupling a wick assembly to the partition; and laying a second gel wax layer placed in the container and on top of the partition.

[0012] The foregoing and other objects, features, and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following, more particular, description of the preferred embodiments of the invention, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0013] FIG. 1 is an elevated perspective view of one embodiment of the candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with the present invention.

[0014] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the candle in FIG. 1 taken along lines 2-2.

[0015] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of a second embodiment of the present invention.

[0016] FIG. 4 is an elevated perspective view of the internal components of another embodiment of the candle of the present invention.

[0017] FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of another embodiment of the present invention.

[0018] FIG. 6 is an elevated perspective view of the internal components of another embodiment of the candle of the present invention.

[0019] FIG. 7 is an elevated perspective view of the internal components of another embodiment of the candle of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0020] Referring to the Figures wherein like numerals and symbols represent like elements, a fruit preserve replica candle 10 (hereinafter candle 10) is shown. The candle 10 is different from prior art candles in that the candle 10 is more decorative and artistic in appearance.

[0021] The candle 10 has a container 12. The container 12 is used for holding the internal components of the candle 10. The container is generally made of a translucent material. This will enable one to see the internal components of the candle 10. A translucent material will also allow the candle 10 to illuminate more light when the candle 10 is lit. In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, the container 12 is a glass jar. The glass jar may or may not come with a top cover 12A. In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, the glass jar 12 is a mason jar or something of a similar nature. It should be noted that the glass jar/mason jar are only used as examples and should not be seen as to limit the scope of the present invention.

[0022] A fruit layer 14 is placed inside the container 12. The fruit layer 14 may be actual fruit which have been preserved (i.e., freeze dried) or imitation fruit. Imitation fruit
may include plastic fruit replicas and the like. The fruit layer 14 may depict any type of fruit. For example, FIGS. 1 and 2 have a strawberry fruit layer 14A. FIG. 3 depicts a candle 10 which has a raspberry/blackberry fruit layer 14B. FIG. 4 shows an orange fruit layer 14C. FIG. 5 depicts a candle 10 with a lemon fruit layer 14D. FIG. 6 shows an apple fruit layer 14E. FIG. 7 shows that peaches may be used as a peach fruit layer 14F. It should be noted that the fruit layers 14 depicted in the Figures are just examples and should not be seen as to limit the scope of the present invention. Any type of fruit may be used in the fruit layer 14.

[0023] Once the fruit layer 14 is placed in the container 12, a gel wax layer 16 is placed in the container 12. The gel wax layer 16 is placed over the fruit layer 14. The gel wax layer 16 should cover the fruit layer 14 but should not completely fill the container 12.

[0024] The gel wax layer 16 is formed by heating a desired amount of gel wax in a heating container. When the gel wax has liquefied in the heating container, the liquefied gel wax is poured into the container 12. Gel wax may be purchased from a variety of different candle stores. One example of a gel wax is Wonder Water 200 produced by the Green Street Company. This type of gel wax is not a burning type of wax. It should be noted that this is just an example of a type of gel wax that may be used. It should not be seen as to limit the scope of the present invention.

[0025] Once the gel wax layer 16 is poured into the container 12, a separating partition 18 is placed on top of the gel wax layer 16. The separating partition 18 is generally a translucent barrier such as a glass plate or the like. The separating partition 18 is used to separate the gel wax layer 16 from a second gel wax layer 20 to be poured. The separating partition 18 is also used to hold a wick assembly 22 in a proper position within the candle 10.

[0026] Once the separating partition 18 is placed on top of the gel wax layer 16, the candle 10 is set aside so that the gel wax layer 16 may cool. The time necessary for allowing the gel wax layer 16 to cool will vary depending on the amount of liquefied gel wax poured into the container. However, to ensure proper cooling, it may be a good to allow the gel wax layer 16 to cool over night.

[0027] Once the gel wax layer has cooled, a wick assembly 22 is attached to the separating partition 18. The wick assembly 22 may be coupled to the separating partition 18 by any means. For example, the wick assembly may be coupled to the separating partition 18 by bonding adhesive or wax. The above are just examples and should not be seen as to limit the scope of the present invention. Any method may be used to coupled the wick assembly 22 to the separating partition 18. The wick assembly 22 is generally comprised of a wick holder 24. The wick holder 24 will have an opening through which a wick 26 is positioned through and held.

[0028] After the wick assembly 22 is coupled to the separating partition 18, a second gel wax layer 28 is poured into the container 12. The second gel wax layer 28 is laid in the same way as the first gel wax layer 16. A desired amount of gel wax is heated in a heating container. When the gel wax has liquefied in the heating container, the liquefied gel wax is poured into the container 12. Once the gel wax is poured into the container 12, a fragrance may be added to the candle 10. Any type of liquid fragrance may be added to the gel wax to provide a scented type of candle 10. If a liquid fragrance is added, one should be careful not to add too much of the liquid fragrance to the gel wax. If too much liquid fragrance is added to the gel wax, the second gel wax layer 28 may become clouded. Ideally, a liquid fragrance is added that provides an aroma reminiscent of the fruit layer 14. For example, if the fruit layer 14 is strawberries, then the liquid fragrance would be strawberry.

[0029] While the invention has been particularly shown and described with reference to preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that the foregoing and other changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance comprising, in combination:
   a translucent container for holding the candle;
   a fruit layer positioned in the container;
   a first gel wax layer placed in the container and on top of the fruit layer;
   a partition placed in the container and on top of the gel wax layer;
   a wick assembly coupled to the partition; and
   a second gel wax layer placed in the container and on top of the partition.

2. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 further comprising a fragrance added to the second gel wax layer.

3. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the container is a glass jar.

4. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the container is a mason jar.

5. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first gel wax layer is a non-burning gel wax layer.

6. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the second gel wax layer is a non-burning gel wax layer.

7. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the fruit layer comprises imitation fruit.

8. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the fruit layer comprises substitute fruit.

9. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the partition is a translucent glass partition.

10. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the partition is a translucent glass partition.

11. A candle having a fruit preserve appearance in accordance with claim 1 wherein the wick assembly comprises:
   a wick holder; and
   a wick placed through an an opening ion the wick holder.

12. A method of making a candle having a fruit preserve appearance comprising the steps of:
   providing a translucent container for holding the candle;
   laying a fruit layer in the container;
   laying a first gel wax layer in the container and on top of the fruit layer;
placing a partition in the container and on top of the gel wax layer;

coupling a wick assembly to the partition; and

laying a second gel wax layer placed in the container and on top of the partition.

13. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of adding a fragrance to the second gel wax layer.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of providing a translucent container further comprises the step of providing a mason jar.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of laying a fruit layer comprises the step of laying an imitation fruit layer.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of laying a first gel wax layer in the container comprises the steps of:

placing a desired amount of gel wax in a heating container;

heating the gel wax until the gel wax has liquified; and

pouring the liquified gel wax into the container.

17. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of placing a partition in the container further comprises the step of placing a translucent partition in the container.

18. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of coupling a wick assembly further comprises the steps of:

providing a wick holder; and

providing a wick placed through an opening in the wick holder.

19. The method of claim 12 wherein the step of laying a second gel wax layer comprises the steps of:

placing a desired amount of gel wax in a heating container;

heating the gel wax until the gel wax has liquified; and

pouring the liquified gel wax into the container.

20. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of allowing the first gel wax layer to cool after placing the partition in the container and on top of the gel wax layer.