

## Making beeswax into playable-pliable modeling beeswax

### Materials:

- ~1 double-boiler, or any 2 saucepans that will stack one inside the other
- ~Anhydrous lanolin
- ~Beeswax(as unrefined as possible)
- ~Aluminum Foil

### Method:

1. Put water into bottom saucepan or bottom half of double-boiler, just enough to reach the bottom of the top pan. Place on stove or other heat source.
2. Add beeswax to top pan and let melt slowly. Do not use lid as water drops may fall into the beeswax(also my personal warning that at too high a temperature wax can/will burst into flames) Color can be added at this time using old crayons or commercial candle dyes. Add water to bottom pan as necessary.
3. When just melted(wax is slightly hot) add lanolin. Start off with 3 heaping tablespoons to 1 pound of wax. Stir in with an old knife; the wax can be scraped back into the pan more easily than with a spoon or stick.
4. On a saucer-size piece of foil with edges turned up about an inch, pour a little of the wax-lanolin mixture into the the foil saucer and allow to cool down. Peel foil off, hold wax under cold water to thoroughly cool it down, and dry it.
5. Try to soften and mold it in your hands. If wax breaks (even if only a little)and edges of wax turn ragged and white, there is too little lanolin. Put back into saucepan, re-melt, add more lanolin and try again. Regarding the consistency of the wax, its best to err on the soft side, especially if children under age 7 will be using it.
6. Once you have the right consistency, pour into small, usable amounts on aluminum foil and allow to cool as for test piece. Once it is cool, you can use, or wrap up and save for later.