



# Hand in Wax Instructions

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Making wax molds of your hand is a fun experience and leaves you with a great keepsake. Any hand position is possible and you can hold objects (flowers, baseballs, cards, etc.) to create something truly unique.

**Materials:** Container Wax  
Hand Lotion  
Dipping Vat  
Bucket of Water  
Coloring

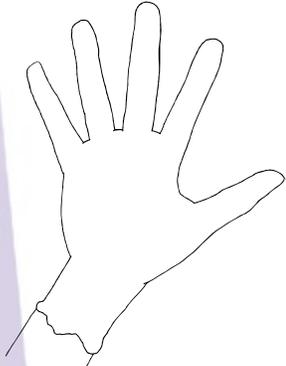


figure 1

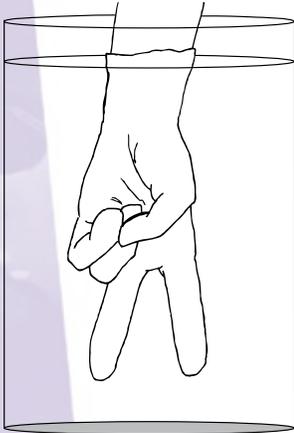


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figure 3

## Melting the Wax:

Melt your container wax in an aluminum melting pot. We recommend IGI 4616. **Never leave melting wax unattended.** When the wax is completely melted, let it cool to down to about 105°F to 110°F in your dipping vat. If you have a slight film of wax on the top you'll need to raise the temperature.

## Dipping Your Hand:

- 1) Grease your hand and past your wrist with hand lotion making sure to rub it *on* and not rub it *in*. **figure 1**
- 2) Dip your hand in the bucket of water up to the lotion line on your wrist.
- 3) Shake the excess water drops off your hand and dip it into the wax up to the water line on your wrist. This first dip will be your highest point on the wrist.
- 4) Immediately dip your hand into the water up to the wax line on your wrist.
- 5) Continue alternating dipping your hand in wax and water. Remember to not dip past your original dip on your wrist. Doing this might cause hot wax to leak in between your skin and the wax shell, burning your skin. **figure 2**
- 6) You can pinch off wax drippings from the hand inbetween dippings.
- 7) After about 7-9 dips, your hand should be thick enough to remove. Larger hands will require more dips and smaller children's hands may only require 3-5 dips in the wax.

## Removing Your Wax Hand:

- 1) After you dip your hand for the final dip in the wax, quickly dip it into the water to adhere the last layer of wax to the rest of the layers.
- 2) Slide your pinky into the wrist area of your wax hand to loosen the wax.
- 3) Dip the hand into the water only up to the knuckles to harden the fingers and thumb so they do not squish when you slide the wax off.
- 4) Holding the wax by the back of the hand, gently tug it off.
- 5) Slide it into the water to harden the entire hand.

## Finishing Up:

Dip the wrist part of the hand into the wax to heat it up, pull it out, and fold the edges inside of the wax hand. Doing this will create a stronger base and allow the hand to stand upright. **figure 3**

## Extras:

- If the hand is stuck, you might have suction in the fingertips. Simply poke a hold in the tips to release trapped air.
- Color the hand by dipping the finished hand in different colored wax.
- To hold an object, make a normal hand. Before you are about to take the hand off, grab the object, dip your hand and object in clear wax to seal, dip in water, and remove. Finish as normal.
- Make your hand last longer by filling it with casting plaster.