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Making Beeswax Wraps Using Beeswax Wrap Blend Blocks

What You'll Need

- Beeswax wrap block
- 100% cotton fabric
- Scissors or pinking shears
- Brush
- Baking paper
- Baking tray
- Hanger (optional)
- Binder clips or clothespins (optional)
- Ruler (optional)

There are several options for creating these wraps:

- Using an oven
- Using an iron
- Or melt and paint

1. Cut the fabric.

Cut the fabric into sizes that will fit on your baking sheet.

For a snack bag, use a 18 x 35cm piece of fabric. A 35 x 35cm square will cover most sandwiches. Pinking shears will help prevent your swatches from fraying, but scissors will also get the job done.

Oven: Preheat the oven to 95c or the lowest setting.

Iron: preheat to high setting

Melt & paint: melt wax block in double boiler saucepan and apply wax evenly with paintbrush.

2. Place on a baking tray.

Line a baking tray with baking paper and place the fabric on top. If your fabric is one-sided, place the patterned side facedown. Use a fresh piece of parchment paper each time you make another wrap.

3. Grate the wax block.

Evenly distribute a liberal amount of grated beeswax blend block all over the fabric. Make sure you get near the edges too.

3A. Melt the wax and pour into cold water (saves grating).

Melt the wax block in a double boiler and slowly pour the melted wax into cold water, moving around the flow of wax. This will create small pieces of wax that can easily be used instead of grating.

4. Melt and spread the beeswax.

Oven: Place the sheet in the oven for about 4-8 minutes. When the pellets melt completely, take the tray out and use a paintbrush to spread the wax evenly over the entire fabric.

Iron: Cover the grated wax with another sheet of baking paper and melt the wax with the iron. Take care to distribute wax to all edges and push excess outward away from fabric to be used next time.

Paint: If melting the wax in a double boiler, the wax can be apply directly to the cotton with a paintbrush.

NOTE: The beeswax will stick to the brush, so use one you're okay discarding or saving to make future beeswax wraps.

5. Let dry.

Using tongs, remove the fabric from the baking tray. It should feel cool to the touch after waving it for a few seconds in the air. Hang the fabric up to dry or set it on the back of a chair with the beeswax side facing up.

6. Customize your wraps.

Once the beeswax has set and is not very tacky, you can add buttons or hand-sew them into small pouches.

Snack Bags: Use a 18 x 35cm piece of fabric. Once dry, fold the fabric in half with the non-treated sides facing inward. Hand sew the two sides together, leaving the top open. Turn the bag inside out, and add a button as a closure or stitch Velcro to both sides.

Sandwich Wraps: Use a 35 x 35cm piece of fabric. On the patterned side, sew a button in two adjacent corners. To close, put the side with the buttons face down. Fold the fabric into thirds around the sandwich. Flip and fold the ends of the fabric up so the buttons are on top. Wrap twine around them in a figure-eight pattern for a secure closure.

How to Care for Your Beeswax Wraps

Wash your wraps by hand in cool water with a mild dish soap. Place them on a drying rack or clothesline to dry. Avoid any heat such as hot water, microwaves, or ovens that will cause the beeswax can melt, ruining your wraps.

Repeat the above steps to “top up” the wax coating of your wraps after wear and tear.

We hope you enjoy making your own wraps for yourself and gifts. If you have any questions, please get in touch. If you'd like to share your creations, we'd love to see your results.

Thanks so much

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