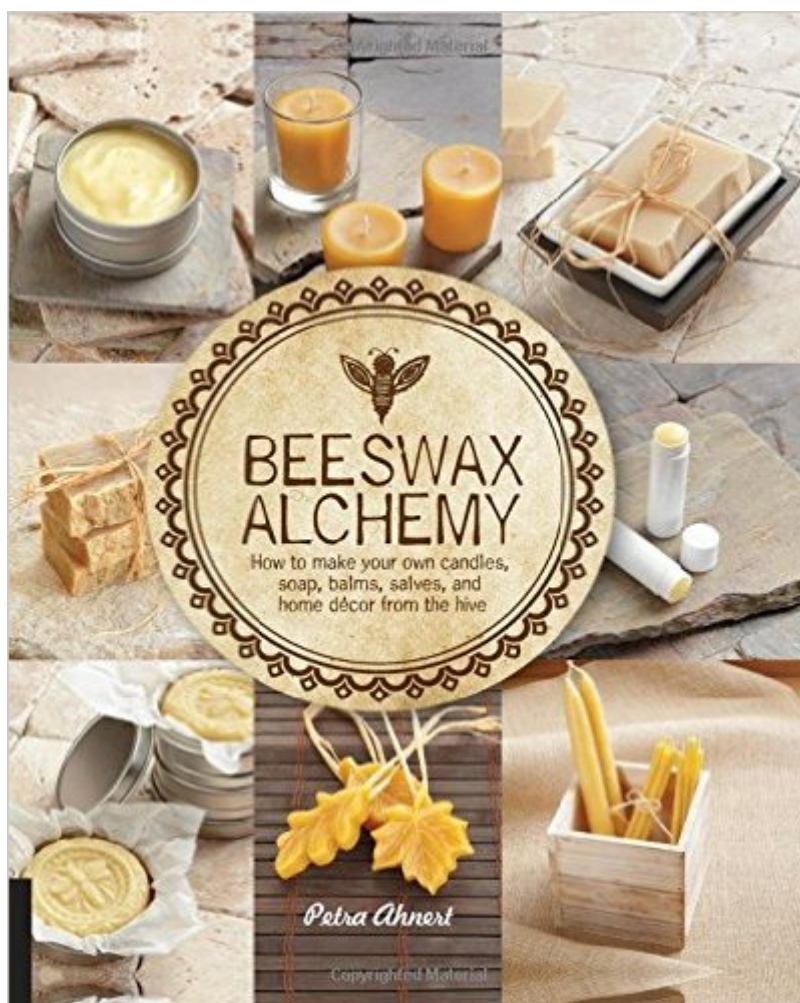


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# Beeswax Alchemy: How To Make Your Own Soap, Candles, Balms, Creams, And Salves From The Hive



## Synopsis

Modern beekeepers - take notice! Here we have the answer to one of the most common questions related to beekeeping: what do I do with all of this beeswax? In fact, the possibilities are seemingly endless! Since beeswax has multiple holistic and decorative uses, projects can vary from beeswax balms and beeswax creams, to household items like the classic beeswax candle. Beeswax Alchemy is your first step towards using excess beeswax to make beautiful, wellness boosting gifts for friends, family, and even yourself. Not a beekeeper? Don't worry, this guide works just as well with store bought beeswax! The DIY beeswax projects are almost never ending, so grab some beeswax and get fired up!

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"...a fabulous book with instructions and excellent photos on virtually any product one might wish to make from beeswax. It is so well written I never lost interest and was not tempted to skip around or to hurry to the end. The photos in the book are outstanding and make it even more professional and informative." - Suzanne Finley, Saponifier Magazine

"This book basically lets you become your own Burts Bees, but better, with clear instructions on how to make candles, soaps, salves and creams out of beeswax and much, much more! Beeswax candles help clean the air, beeswax salves have anti-bacterial, anti-microbial and anti-viral benefits. For people who have allergy problems, beeswax is a "go to" product. Once I started looking into the benefits of beeswax products, it made me realize all the man-made chemicals in those same products bought at a store." - Jeannie Boutelle (The Local Beet blog)

"Beeswax is a wonderful, malleable and beneficial product that has a wide array of possible uses. This attractive book has a lot to offer for the intermediate do-it-yourselfer. In her debut book, businesswoman Ahnert provides an excellent introduction and solid technique instruction to make candles, lotions, and soaps with beeswax. VERDICT The true strength of this book is its instructions for making homemade body products. While similar in coverage to Leeann Coleman and Jayne Barnes's Honey Crafting, Ahnert's book provides better body products and more detailed technical instruction. Strongly recommended." - Library Journal

Petra Ahnert is the creative force behind Beehive Alchemy ([beehivealchemy.com](http://beehivealchemy.com)), a growing artisan soap, body care, and home goods business. After a serendipitous meeting with a beekeeper at the library in 2002, Petra soon had a couple hives of her own and extra honey to sell. Of course, with the honey, comes beeswax, too so she sought out ways to make good use of the wax she had on hand. Since that time, Petra has first looked to her own life and products she uses to replace them with items she could make herself with the honey and beeswax she had on hand. Eventually, those products made their way into the product line-up for Beehive Alchemy.

This was an OK book but it lacks a class of thing, exactly how to extract beeswax from comb (the author assumes that you've already got some). I'd have given it another star if it had included this. It's a pretty thin book with lots of pictures and easy to read type which is all to the good but there wasn't anything really new. If you do not have any recipes for cosmetics made from beeswax this is a pretty good book and will get you going. The picture sequence on how to make hand-dipped candles was also very good.

This is a great little book with lots of specific information, as well as useful and interesting tidbits of info and contextualization as well. I used it for picking wicks (perfect) and getting going on making pillar candles for a wedding. I am excited to try some of her other ideas for Christmas gifts - particularly, soaps. This is a fun read as well - I was reading parts out to my spouse over breakfast. I would definitely recommend this as a starter boo with a lot of ideas - easy to find several that suit to try out, and simple enough for a beginner to be able to turn out a successful project.

In addition to the recipes being top notch and easy to follow, the kindle book version is formatted perfectly. The photos and text flow together seamlessly. I borrowed this from my local library first, and had to have it on hand as a reference. Highly recommend!

I enjoyed learning a little about bees and how was is processed for different uses. There are many great recipes for making products with beeswax, I'm looking forward to trying some.

Very nicely illustrated and great step by step instructions. Utilizes a variety of ingredients. My only issue is that there aren't very many recipes for what I was looking for which was lotions and body products. This has candles and artwork included which is not my interest. Had there been more recipes for body products I would have rated it higher.

Full of ideas for body, house and crafts. The book is sturdy and well planned out. Designed well from layout to the thickness of the pages and covers which is great because from what I've read in it so far this book will see a lot of use.

Having made candles for years and beeswax being my favorite wax to work with; I find this book to be among the best I have seen. Not only is it beautifully presented but the author gives you basic recipes for candles, lotions, balms, soaps, and a variety of other projects, not to mention the quality of the pages in the book. When working with a book one will read it over and over again to plan your project. I was immediately impressed when I opened it to find the pages were heavy duty(waterproof), beautifully presented and easy to read, not to mention the great type and fonts. I highly recommend this book and suggest you check it out.

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