## Making a Solar Wax Melter

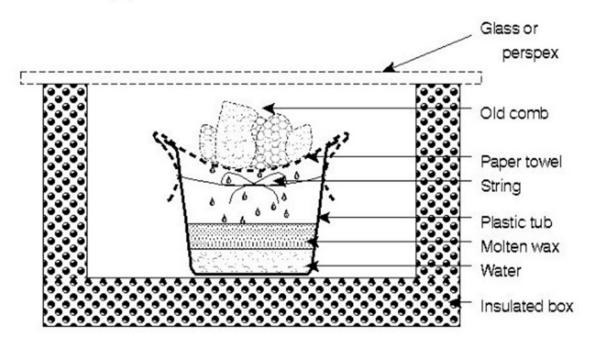


Freeze your cappings or make a solar melter



## Low-Cost Solar Wax Extractor







Solar melters retail from about \$63.00 to \$189.99 & can weigh over 70lbs!

This melter cost me about \$12.00.





Finding the correct size of cooler is key.



Get a 12" x 12" tempered glass shelf for inside.



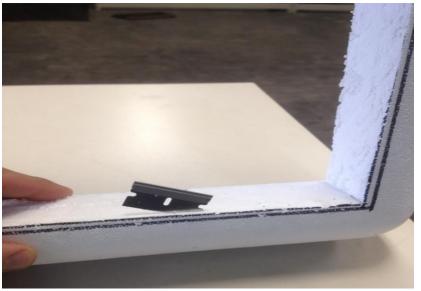
Draw outline around glass & a second smaller square that will act as shelf



Carefully cut out inner square section of lid with utility knife. Safety First!



Cut 1/4' ledge along opening where glass will rest



Lid now ready to receive glass panel



Use caulk or silicone sealer



With a razor blade, clean up excess silicone sealer & chamfer inner edge



Dark latex paint helps absorb solar energy, letting the interior reach higher temperatures



While not necessary, a black plastic floor keeps bucket from sticking



3 ½ gallon bucket, cut and "painted" black with magic marker



Upper portion of bucket flipped over to wedge paper towel filter in place



Exterior painted with latex to protect from UV rays & weather



Beeswax melts at 143-148 degrees





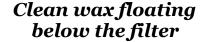
90% clean wax ready for Solar melters can easily final melting in solar melter process large blocks of wax

## Tips

- Interior temperatures can reach 195+ degrees
- The basic design elements can be used on other cooler types. Keep an eye out at yard sales for Igloo type coolers that may work.
- Build your own solar box and insulate it.
- Don't use enamel spray paint on styrofoam.
- Used wax coated paper towel filters make great fire starters.



Solar melters also offer one step filtering of beeswax burr comb Burr comb or hive scrapings Wax has passed through can be balled up and filtered paper towel and left slumgum







Keep unprocessed wax safe. Comb and cappings should be protected! Mind your beeswax! You don't want wax moth damaged combs

Beeswax has a million uses: candles, lip balm, lotions, soaps, paste wax, carpentry & sewing uses, make your own foundation, etc.....

Freeze your cappings for a week, and then keep sealed until you have enough to process.

## **VERY IMPORTANT**

If you don't want to mess with the wax, find someone who does!!!!

A bucket of sticky cappings wax is the hot
new gift for 2018!

Questions?

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