



CANDLES

Candles have been around for a long, long time. Cave men used candles. There are lots of ways to make candles. Some Native Americans made candles out of oily fish. The fish was dried and then stuck on a pole and lit.

Pioneers made candles from animal fat that was boiled in a large pot. Wicks were then tied to sticks and dipped into the fat again and again until the candle was formed. These candles didn't smell very good. They also made a lot of smoke when they burned.

Bees wax was also used to make candles. They cost a lot of money. Paraffin is another kind of wax made from petroleum. It doesn't cost as much as bees wax.

Kerosene lamps took the place of candles to light homes. Electric lights took the place of kerosene lamps. We still use candles today. Can you think of ways you use candles in your home?