

Beeswax Wrap

Supplies

Included : Fabric, Beeswax,& Parchment Paper,

Not Included: Iron or cookie sheet

There are two ways that you could make these wraps. I have included both instructions.

USING AN IRON

1. Set up an old towel on a large flat surface. (TIP: In case the wax gets on the flat surface, do not use a surface like an ironing board or other materials you don't want messed up.)
2. Place 2 parchment paper on old towel overlapping
3. Place fabric on parchment paper. (Give yourself a border of at least 3 inches all around of parchment, or you will seep wax out onto your iron.)
4. Sprinkle the beeswax pellets onto the fabric piece. (2 tablespoons of pellets on a 13-inch square piece of fabric, and it was enough. Save a little in case you missed a spot.)
5. Place additional parchment paper on top of the fabric to sandwich the fabric piece between the parchment paper.
6. Set your iron for **linen**, and when it is hot pass it over the parchment paper. The wax below will start to melt. Keep moving the iron and do not let it stay in the same place for too long.
7. As the wax melts, you can push it around with the pressure from the iron. Started in the center and pushed outward to make sure that the corners and the edges had enough wax.
8. If you pull back your parchment and see fabric that was missed add a few more pellets and run the iron over it again. Easy peasy.
9. Don't pull your DIY beeswax wrap off the parchment until it has had at least a minute to cool. If you pull it right away, you will burn your fingertips off. Don't ask me how I know.



USING A COOKIE SHEET

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. On a cookie sheet, place the parchment paper. (If you don't have a cookie sheet to fit the piece of fabric, you can cut down to make it fit.)
3. Place the fabric piece on the parchment paper. (Leave a border of at least 2 inches so the wax can spread.)
4. Sprinkle beeswax pellets onto the fabric piece. (2 tablespoons of pellets on a 13-inch square piece of fabric, and it was enough. If you have smaller, use a little less.)
5. Place in over until the wax melts. (This should take about one minute or so.)
6. Take out of the oven.
7. If you see fabric that was missed add a few more pellets and place it back in the oven. Easy peasy.
8. Don't pull your DIY beeswax wrap off the parchment until it has had at least a minute to cool. If you pull it right away, you will burn your fingertips off. Don't ask me how I know.



SAFETY TIPS & THINGS WORTH MENTIONING

I need to add, that is very important that you do not get wax on your iron. Make sure your parchment covers your fabric very well.

If you do get wax on your iron, wipe it on the towel a few times.

If you do not remove the wax from your iron it **will** start to smoke, your fire alarm **will** go off, and your dogs **will** go mental. Ask me how I know.

Also, important to note that beeswax is **combustible**. If you leave your iron too long, or if you get wax on the iron it could ignite. Just be careful.

It's a good idea to wear heatproof gloves to be on the safe side. The wax does get hot enough to stick to your skin and burn! Be mindful of where that melted wax is and keep it away from your iron and your fingers.

To clean them you rinse under cold water and wipe or hang dry.

SO HOW DO YOU USE THEM?

These beeswax wraps work great to make covers for anything, or as a wrap for dry foods like cheese, or sandwiches. The best things to use them with are dry or hard foods with little moisture.

They do not work well with anything wet. You can't cover a halved avocado or lemon. These beeswax wraps don't work that way, unfortunately.

Instructions modified from: <https://www.littleyellowwheelbarrow.com/diy-beeswax-wraps/>

