

How to Make a Paschal Candle

(With explanation of symbols, *supplies and directions in italics* and **prayer while creating in bold.**)

Materials Included:

- Pillar candle
- Paper candle wrap
- 5 gemstones (extra included)
- Prayer Sticker

Materials Needed:

- Tape
- Colors (Markers, colored pencils, etc.)

1. *Begin by coloring the top and bottom strips on your candle wrap.*



2. *Color the cross in the center of the candle.* ✚

The cross is the central symbol, clearly identifying it as a Paschal Candle.

“ Christ yesterday and today (vertical bar of the cross)
the beginning and the end” (horizontal bar of the cross)

3. *Use a marker to make the Alpha (A) above the cross and the Omega (Ω) below the cross.*

The Greek letters Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) symbolize that God is the beginning and the end.

“Alpha and Omega”

4. *Write the numbers of the year in the corners of the cross using a marker.*

The current year represents God’s presence here and now.

“All time belongs to Him (2, upper left quadrant)
and all the ages (0, upper right quadrant)
to Him be glory and power (2, lower left quadrant)
through every age forever. Amen” (0, lower right quadrant)



5. *Add the five rhinestones to the ends and middle of the cross.*

The five stones on the cross represent the five wounds of Christ: one in each hand, one in each foot and the spear thrust into his side.

“By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.”

6. *Attach your candle wrap to the candle. Vertically tape one side of it to the back of the candle. Fold the paper around the candle and secure the seam with tape.*

6. *Place the prayer sticker on the back of the candle.*

The Paschal Candle may be lit during meal times through the whole Easter season until its end on Pentecost. It may also be lit on the anniversary of your baptism. Pray the following prayer when lighting it.....

“May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of hearts and minds.”

Source:

<https://www.showerofrosesblog.com/2012/04/creating-our-paschal-candle-easter-2012.html>

For more information: <http://www.catholicv.org/blog/catholic-classroom-the-paschal-candle>