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(54) STACKABLE SEGMENTED CANDLE SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE

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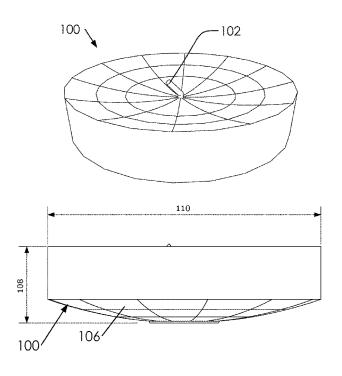
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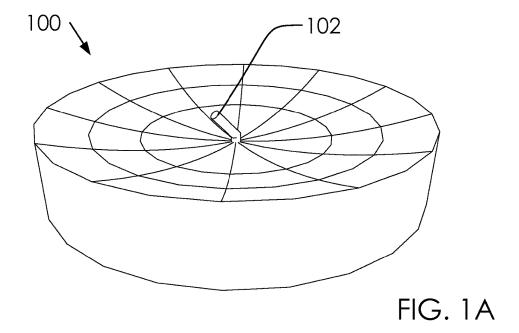
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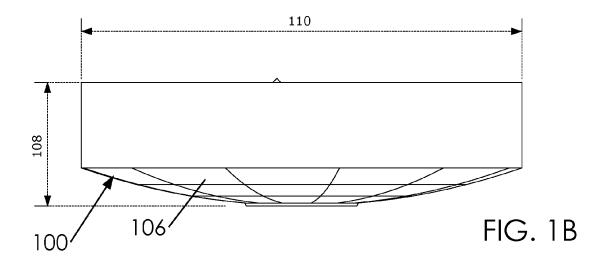
A candle segment comprising a portion of a layered candle. Said candle segment comprises a candle wick, a top surface, a bottom surface, and a height. Said candle segment comprises a one or more protruding studs and a one or more stud cavities. Said one or more protruding studs and said one or more stud cavities are on opposite sides of said candle segment at said top surface and said bottom surface.

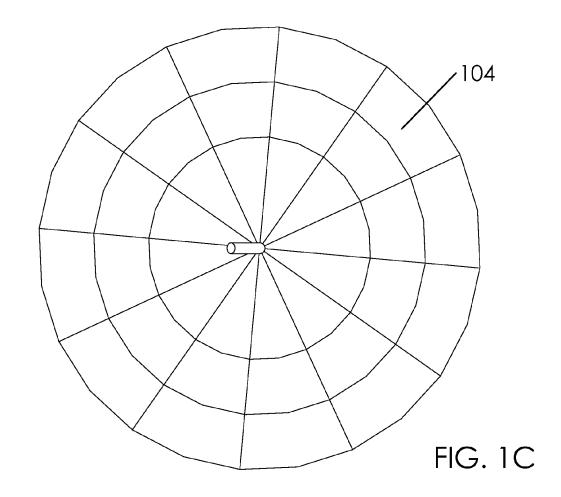
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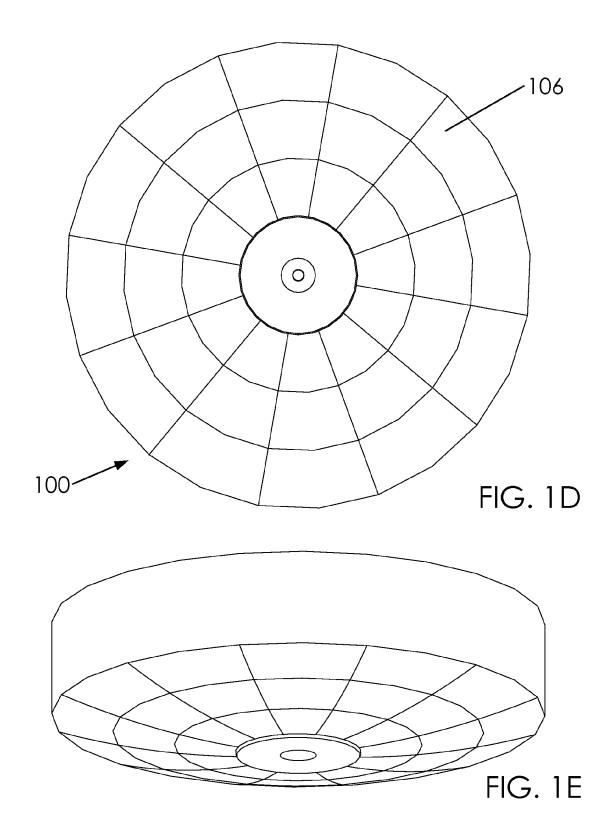


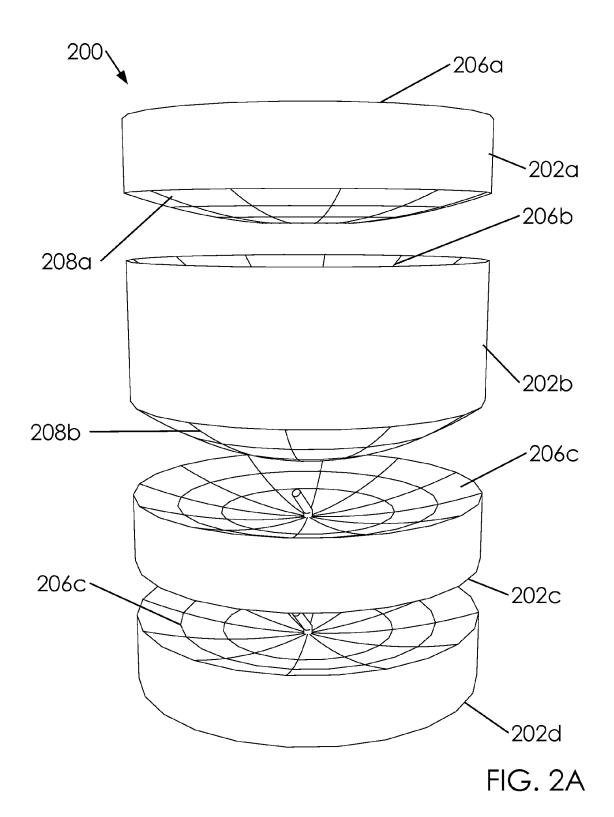
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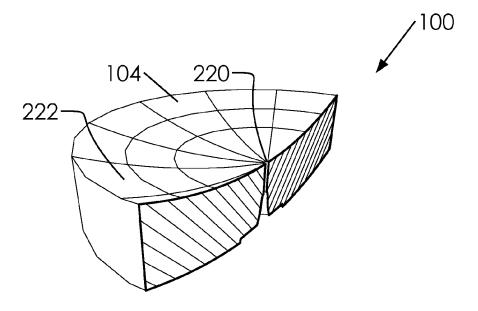


FIG. 2B

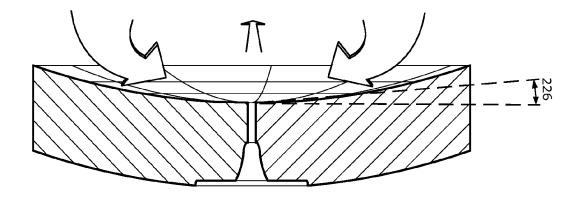


FIG. 2C

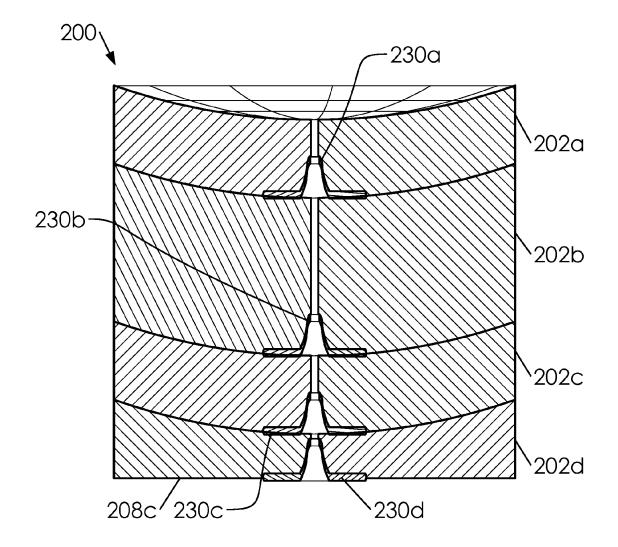


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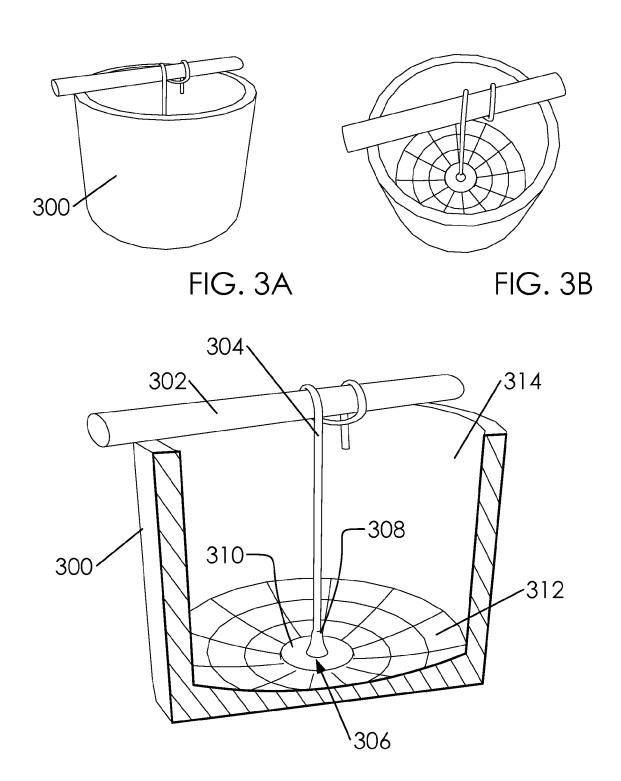


FIG. 3C

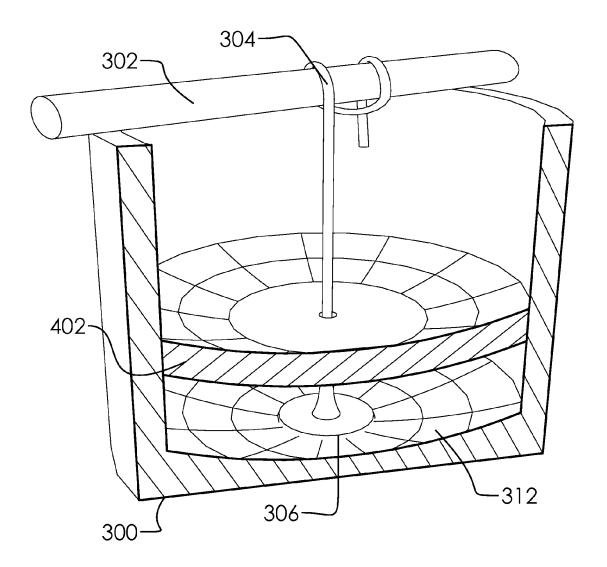
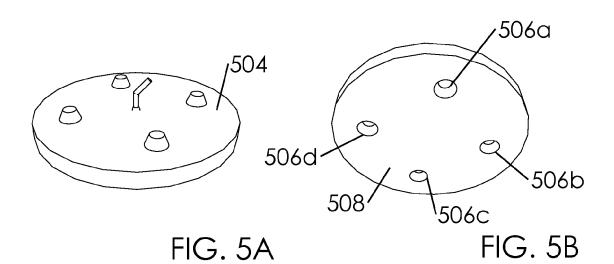
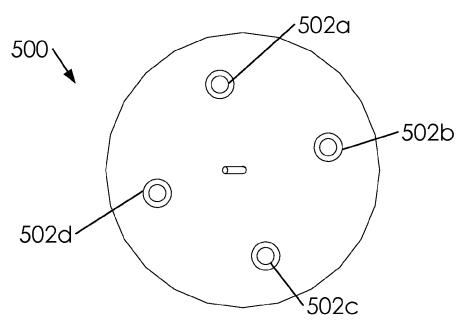


FIG. 4







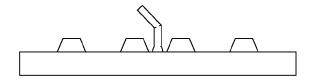
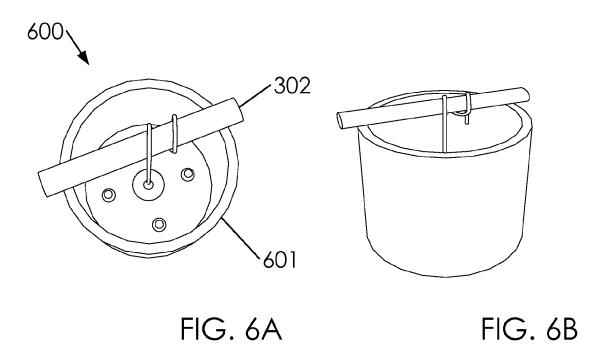
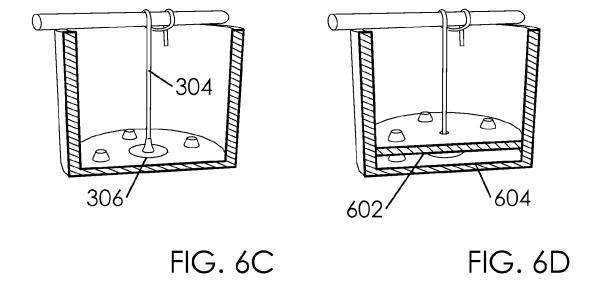


FIG. 5D





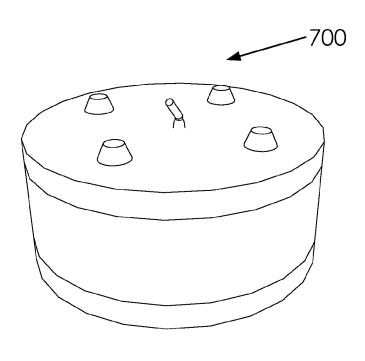
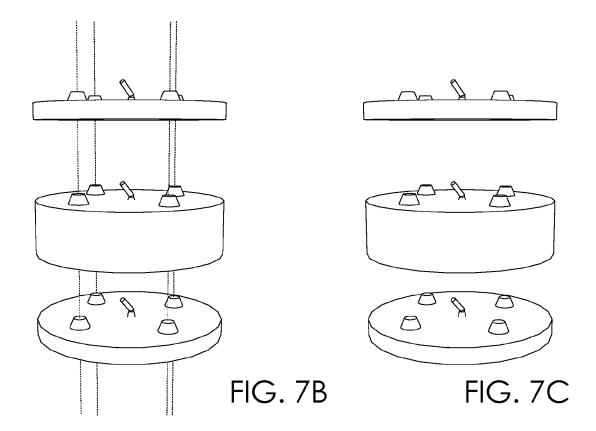
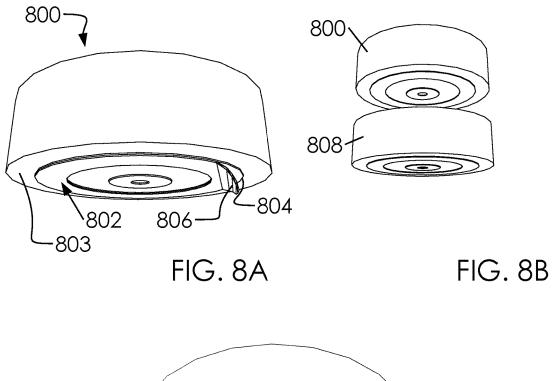


FIG. 7A





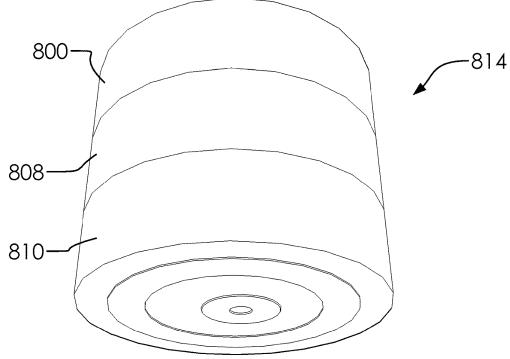
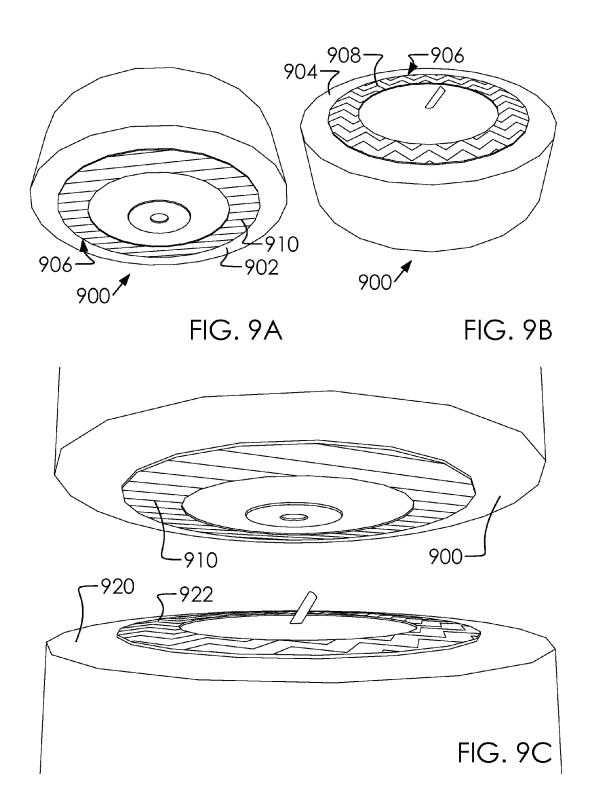


FIG. 8C



STACKABLE SEGMENTED CANDLE SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE

BACKGROUND

This disclosure relates generally to a stackable layered candle system and method of use. For more information on layered candles can be found in U.S. Pat. No. 7,040,888, U.S. Pat. No. 7,578,670, U.S. Pat. No. 7,789,808, US Patent Application Number 2006/0292509, and US Patent Application Number 2008/0268391. None of the disclosed inventions and patents, taken either singularly or in combination, is seen to describe the instant disclosure as claimed. Accordingly, an improved layered candle would be advantageous.

SUMMARY

A candle segment, a two or more candle segments and a candle segment manufacturing method are disclosed.

Said candle segment comprising a portion of a layered candle. Said candle segment comprises a candle wick, a top surface, a bottom surface, and a height. Said candle segment comprises a one or more protruding studs and a one or more stud cavities. Said one or more protruding studs and said one or more stud cavities are on opposite sides of said candle segment at said top surface and said bottom surface.

perspective over second segment.

Described here method of use.

Said two or more candle segments comprising a layered candle. Said two or more candle segments comprise a first candle segment and a second candle segment. Said two or more candle segments each comprise a candle wick, a top surface, a bottom surface, a height and a composition. A ³⁰ bottom surface of said first candle segment is capable of attaching a top surface of said second candle segment.

Said candle segment manufacturing method comprising: attaching a first end of an extended candle wick around a rod, attaching a second end of said extended candle wick to 35 a post of a candle tab, placing said candle tab at a bottom of a container while keeping said rod with said first end of said extended candle wick at the top of said container, pouring a liquid wax into said container, molding said a first candle segment form said liquid wax, said candle tab and said wick, 40 and removing said first candle segment from said container when said liquid wax solidifies. Said first candle segment comprises a top surface and a bottom surface. Said first candle segment comprises a portion of a two or more candle segments comprising a layered candle. A bottom surface of 45 said first candle segment is formed so as to nest into a top surface of a second candle segment among said two or more candle segments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1A illustrates a perspective overview of a candle segment and a candle wick.

FIGS. 1B and 1C illustrate a side view and top view of said candle segment, respectively.

FIGS. 1D and 1E illustrate a bottom view and a perspective bottom view of said candle segment respectively.

FIG. 2A illustrates a perspective exploded overview of a layered candle.

FIGS. 2B and 2C illustrate a perspective overview and an 60 elevated side view of a section cut of said candle segment.

FIG. 2D illustrates an elevated side cross-section of said stack of candle segments.

FIGS. 3A, 3B, and 3C illustrate a perspective overview, a perspective top view and a perspective cross-section side 65 view of a container, a rod, an extended candle wick, and a candle tab, respectively.

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FIG. 4 illustrates a perspective sectional side view of a container, a rod, an extended candle wick, an upper cast, a lower surface, and said candle tab, respectively.

FIGS. 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D illustrate a perspective overview, a perspective bottom view, an elevated top view and an elevated side view of an alternative candle segment 500.

FIGS. 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D illustrate a perspective overview, a perspective front side view, and two a sectional side views of a candle making assembly.

FIGS. 7A, 7B and 7C illustrate three perspective overviews of a layered candle.

FIG. 7A comprises said layered candle in an assembled configuration and FIGS. 7B-7C comprises said layered candle in an exploded configuration.

FIGS. **8**A, **8**B and **8**C illustrate three perspective lower views of a candle segment and a second segment.

FIGS. 9A, 9B and 9C illustrate a perspective lower view and a perspective overview of a candle segment, and a perspective overview of said candle segment attaching to a second segment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Described herein is a stackable layered candle system and 25 method of use. The following description is presented to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the invention as claimed and is provided in the context of the particular examples discussed below, variations of which will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art. In the interest of clarity, not all features of an actual implementation are described in this specification. It will be appreciated that in the development of any such actual implementation (as in any development project), design decisions must be made to achieve the designers' specific goals (e.g., compliance with system- and business-related constraints), and that these goals will vary from one implementation to another. It will also be appreciated that such development effort might be complex and time-consuming, but would nevertheless be a routine undertaking for those of ordinary skill in the field of the appropriate art having the benefit of this disclosure. Accordingly, the claims appended hereto are not intended to be limited by the disclosed embodiments, but are to be accorded their widest scope consistent with the principles and features disclosed herein.

FIG. 1A illustrates a perspective overview of a candle segment 100 and a candle wick 102. In one embodiment, said candle segment 100 can comprise various sizes and compositions. In one embodiment, said compositions can comprise different colors as well as a variety of scents. In 50 one embodiment, said candle segment 100 can be substantially cylindrical in shape but can be formed into various polygonal shapes as desired. In one embodiment, said candle segment 100 can be made of various types of waxes, including but not limited to, beeswax, soy, plant waxes, 55 tallow, and gel. In one embodiment, said candle wick 102 is embedded centrally within said candle segment 100 with a section of said candle wick 102 exposed on the top of said candle segment 100 used for lighting said candle wick 102. In one embodiment, said candle wick 102 can comprise a flat braided wick, a round braided wick, a square braided wick, a cored wick, a wooden wick, a specialty wick and/or a similar wick type as known in the art.

FIGS. 1B and 1C illustrate a side view and top view of said candle segment 100, respectively. In one embodiment, said candle segment 100 can comprise a top surface 104, a bottom surface 106, a height 108, and a diameter 110. In one embodiment, said height 108 and said diameter 110 can vary

to result in different candle sizes and proportions as desired. In one embodiment, said height 108 and composition can be chosen so that said candle segment 100 will burn for a specific period of time. In one embodiment, said top surface 104 can have a concave shape while said bottom surface 106 can have a convex shape. In one embodiment, said top surface 104 and said bottom surface 106 can be similarly angled to permit nesting of said surfaces if one or more of said candle segment 100 was to be stacked on one another. In one embodiment, said surfaces can enhance said candle 10 segment 100 aesthetics while providing a more stable foundation for nesting purposes.

FIGS. 1D and 1E illustrate a bottom view and a perspective bottom view of said candle segment 100 respectively.

FIG. 2A illustrates a perspective exploded overview of a 15

layered candle 200. In one embodiment, said layered candle 200 can comprise of a one or more layered candle segments. In one embodiment, said one or more layered candle segments can comprise a segment 202a, a segment 202b, a segment 202c and a segment 202d. In one embodiment, 20 more or less of said one or more layered candle segments may be used. In one embodiment, said layered candle 200 can comprise one or more of said candle segment 100 (such as said segment 202a, said segment 202b, and said segment 202c) and a base segment (such as said segment 202d). In 25 one embodiment, said one or more candle segments can be rearranged as desired (such as placing said candle segment **202***a* in place of said candle segment **202***b* and vice versa). In one embodiment, said segment 202d can comprise a concave top surface and a flat bottom surface. Thus, in one 30 embodiment, said base segment (or, as here, said segment 202d) can create a stable footing for said layered candle 200 (when they are stacked). In another embodiment, said candle segment 100 can comprise a convex bottom surface and can be set into a stable base with a concave top surface. For 35 example, in one embodiment, said layered candle 200 can further comprise a candle holder having a concave top surface capable of holding said layered candle 200 comprising a convex bottom surface.

Although not illustrated, it would be apparent to one of 40 ordinary skill in the art that the said candle segment 100 and said layered candle 200 could work equally well by reversing the concave and convex portions.

In one embodiment, each of said segment 202a, said segment 202b, and said segment 202c can comprise a top 45 surface with a concave shape and a bottom surface with a convex shape. In one embodiment, said segment 202a can comprise a top surface 206a and a bottom surface 208a. In one embodiment, said segment 202b can comprise a top surface 206b and a bottom surface 208b. In one embodi- 50 ment, said segment 202c can comprise a top surface 206c and a bottom surface 208c (see both FIGS. 2A and 2D for illustrations of these components). In one embodiment, said bottom surface 208a of said segment 202a can rest on said top surface 206b of said segment 202b. In one embodiment, 55 said bottom surface 208b of segment 202b can rest on said top surface 206c of said segment 202c. In one embodiment, said bottom surfaces can be mated to said top surfaces in series to form said layered candle 200 of various heights.

FIGS. 2B and 2C illustrate a perspective overview and an 60 elevated side view of a section cut of said candle segment 100. In one embodiment, said top surface 104 of said candle segment 100 can comprise a center-point 220 and an upper wall surface 222. In one embodiment, as said candle segment 100 melts, wax from said upper wall surface 222 will 65 drain toward said center-point 220. In one embodiment, said top surface 104 can comprise an incline 226 of said upper

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wall surface 222 in said concave portion of said top surface 104. In one embodiment, said incline 226 can be low enough to control a flow of said wax as it melts into said center-point 220. Accordingly, said wax can have sufficient time to burn off without extinguishing a flame at said candle wick 102.

FIG. 2D illustrates an elevated side cross-section of said layered candle 200. FIG. 2D is presented with candle wicks hidden (a discussion of candle wicks is included below). In one embodiment, said segment 202a can comprise a tab 230a; said segment 202b can comprise a tab 230b; said segment 202c can comprise a tab 230c; and said segment 202d can comprise a tab 230d. In one embodiment, as said segment 202a is burning out, it will burn down to said tab 230a and stop. Thus, in one embodiment said tab 230a (as with the other tabs described herein) can comprise a firewall. This trend can continue such that a user of said layered candle 200 may light a first among said layered candle 200 and minimize the risk that said user will forget to extinguish said layered candle 200 and thereby burn through the supply of wax in said layered candle 200. It is therefore advantageous to break a candle into segments, as has been done with said layered candle 200.

FIGS. 3A, 3B, and 3C illustrate a perspective overview, a perspective top view and a perspective cross-section side view of a container 300, a rod 302, an extended candle wick 304, and a candle tab 306, respectively. In one embodiment, said tab 230a, said tab 230b, said tab 230c and said tab 230d(as shown in FIG. 2D) can comprise one of said candle tab 306. In one embodiment, said candle tab 306 can comprise a post 308 and a base 310. In one embodiment, said post 308 can be located centrally on said base 310. In one embodiment, said post 308 can be hollow to permit said candle wick 102 or other wicks to pass through (see infra) In one embodiment, said candle tab 306 can be used during formation of said candle segments as a wick stabilizer and as an endpoint for a burning wick. In one embodiment, said candle tab 306 can be used as a separator between one or more candle segments. In one embodiment, said candle tab 306 can comprise a firewall between said one or more candle segments.

In one embodiment, making said candle segment 100 can be formed in said container 300 by: attaching a first end of said extended candle wick 304 around said rod 302, attaching a second end of said extended candle wick 304 to said post of said candle tab 306, and pouring a liquid wax into said container 300.

In one embodiment, said container 300 can comprise a lower surface 312 and a sidewall 314. In one embodiment, said lower surface 312 can be concave and capable of molding said convex portion of said candle segment 100.

FIG. 4 illustrates a perspective sectional side view of a container 300, a rod 302, said extended candle wick 304, an upper cast 402, a lower surface 312, and said candle tab 306, respectively. In one embodiment, one or more of said candle tab 306, said upper cast 402, and said lower surface 312 can be arranged along the length of said extended candle wick 304. In one embodiment, said extended candle wick can be suspended by said rod 302 within said container 300. In one embodiment, once one or more of said candle tab 306, said upper cast 402, and said lower surface 312 are arranged in a desired position within said container 300, wax can be poured into said container to form one or more of said candle segment 100. In one embodiment, different types of scents, colors, or waxes can be used for one or more of said candle segment 100. Once formation is complete, one or more of said candle segment 100 can be removed from said container 300 and separated accordingly. In one embodiment, one or

more of said candle segment 100 can be rearranged to satisfy desired scent, color, or height preference.

FIGS. 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D illustrate a perspective overview, a perspective bottom view, an elevated top view and an elevated side view of an alternative candle segment 500. 5 In one embodiment, said alternative candle segment 500 can comprise one or more protruding studs, a top surface 504, one or more stud cavities, and a bottom surface 508. In one embodiment, said top surface 504 can comprise of said one or more protruding studs. In one embodiment, said bottom 10 surface 508 can comprise said one or more stud cavities. In one embodiment, said one or more protruding studs can comprise a first stud 502a, a second stud 502b, a third stud 502c and a fourth stud 502d. In one embodiment, said one or more stud cavities can comprise a first cavity 506a, a 15 second cavity 506b, a third cavity 506c and a fourth cavity 506d. In one embodiment, said alternative candle segment 500 can comprise an equal number of said one or more protruding studs and said one or more stud cavities. In one embodiment, said one or more protruding studs can be in 20 said bottom surface 508 and said one or more stud cavities can be in said top surface 504 (not illustrated here). In one embodiment, said one or more of said stud cavity 506 is arranged so that said alternative candle segment 500 can stack upon one another to permit said top surface 504 to 25 make contact with said bottom surface 508 of another of said alternative candle segment 500. In one embodiment, one or more of said alternative candle segment 500 may be stacked in this manner. Thus, in one embodiment said one or more of said alternative candle segment 500 can interlock onto 30 one another.

FIGS. 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D illustrate a perspective overview, a perspective front side view, and two a sectional side views of a candle making assembly 600. In one embodiment, said candle making assembly 600 can comprise a 35 container 601, said rod 302, said extended candle wick 304, an upper alternative cast 602, and an alternative lower cast 604, and said candle tab 306. In one embodiment, said candle making assembly 600 can be used to make one or more of said alternative candle segment 500. In one embodiment, said alternative candle segment 500 can be made in a substantially similar way to said candle segment 100 (see supra) with said alternative candle segment 500.

In one embodiment, one or more of said alternative candle segment **500** can be stacked according to scent, color, size, 45 desired height, or any other specification as desired.

FIGS. 7Å, 7B and 7C illustrate three perspective overviews of a layered candle 700. FIG. 7A comprises said layered candle 700 in an assembled configuration and FIGS. 7B-7C comprises said layered candle 700 in an exploded 50 configuration. In one embodiment, said layered candle 700 can comprise a plurality of said alternative candle segment 500

FIGS. 8A, 8B and 8C illustrate three perspective lower views of a candle segment 800 and a second segment 808. 55 In one embodiment, said candle segment 800 can comprise an adhesive set 802 having an adhesive 804 and an adhesive sticker 806. In one embodiment, said adhesive 804 can attach to a bottom surface 803 of said candle segment 800. In one embodiment, said adhesive 804 can be protected by said adhesive sticker 806 as is well known in the art. In one embodiment, said adhesive 804 can attach said candle segment 800 to said second segment 808 or any other candle segment by: exposing said adhesive 804, pressing said adhesive 804 between said candle segment 800 and said 65 second segment 808. In one embodiment, exposing said adhesive 804 can comprise removing said adhesive sticker

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806. In one embodiment, said candle segment **800** can be used in a layered candle **814**, as illustrated with said candle segment **800**, said second segment **808** and a third segment **810**

FIGS. 9A, 9B and 9C illustrate a perspective lower view and a perspective overview of a candle segment 900, and a perspective overview of said candle segment 900 attaching to a second segment 920. In one embodiment, said candle segment 900 can comprise a top surface 902 and a bottom surface 904. In one embodiment, said candle segment 900 can comprise a hook-and-loop set 906 having a hook portion 908 (illustrated as a zigzag pattern) and a loop portion 910 (illustrated as a hatch pattern). In one embodiment, said hook portion 908 can attach to said bottom surface 904 and said loop portion 910 can attach to said top surface 902. In one embodiment, said hook-and-loop set 906 can be used to attach said candle segment 900 to said second segment 920. For example, in one embodiment, said second segment 920 can comprise a hook portion 922 (similar to said hook portion 908) which can attach to said loop portion 910 of said candle segment 900.

Various changes in the details of the illustrated operational methods are possible without departing from the scope of the following claims. Some embodiments may combine the activities described herein as being separate steps. Similarly, one or more of the described steps may be omitted, depending upon the specific operational environment the method is being implemented in. It is to be understood that the above description is intended to be illustrative, and not restrictive. For example, the abovedescribed embodiments may be used in combination with each other. Many other embodiments will be apparent to those of skill in the art upon reviewing the above description. The scope of the invention should, therefore, be determined with reference to the appended claims, along with the full scope of equivalents to which such claims are entitled. In the appended claims, the terms "including" and "in which" are used as the plain-English equivalents of the respective terms "comprising" and "wherein."

The invention claimed is:

1. A layered candle comprising:

said layered candle comprising a two or more candle segments:

said two or more candle segments comprise at least a first candle segment and a second candle segment;

said two or more candle segments each comprise a candle wick, a top surface, a bottom surface, and a height;

a bottom surface of said first candle segment is configured for attaching a top surface of said second candle segment;

each of said two or more candle segments further comprise a tab;

said candle wick attaches to said tab at said bottom surface of each of said two or more candle segments; said tab comprises a firewall between said two or more candle segments;

each of said two or more candle segments consists of said tab at said bottom surface,

said candle wick attached to said tab, and

said candle wick penetrating through said top surface; said first candle segment comprises a top segment of said layered candle;

said layered candle is configured to

burn said candle wick of said first candle segment with a flame until said flame reaches said tab of said first candle segment, and

- extinguish said flame by blocking continued burning at said tab of said first candle segment; and
- said layered candle is configured to receive a new flame with said candle wick of said second segment after removing said tab of said first candle segment.
- 2. The layered candle of claim 1 wherein, said compositions of said two or more candle segments are different.
- 3. The layered candle of claim 2 wherein,
- said two or more candle segments each comprise a burn 10 time, and
- said burn time of said two or more candle segments vary based on said height and said composition.
- 4. The layered candle of claim 1 wherein,
- said two or more candle segments are configured for 15 rearrangement on one another.
- 5. The layered candle of claim 1 wherein,
- said top surface of each of said two or more candle segments have a concave shaped surface and
- said bottom surface of said two or more candle segments 20 have a convex shaped surface;

further wherein,

- said bottom surface of said first candle segment is configured for attaching to
- said top surface of said second candle segment by
 fitting a portion of said concave shaped surface of
 said second candle segment into a portion of said
 convex shaped surface of said first candle segment.
- 6. The layered candle of claim 5 wherein,
- said top surfaces and said bottom surfaces of said two or more candle segments are similarly angled to permit nesting when said two or more candle segments are stacked on one another.
- 7. The layered candle of claim 5 wherein,
- said layered candle further comprises a base segment;
- a top surface of said base segment is adapted to receive a bottom surface of said two or more candle segments;
- a bottom surface of said base segment comprises a flat 40 surface.
- 8. The layered candle of claim 1 wherein,
- said two or more candle segments comprise a one or more protruding studs and a one or more stud cavities; and further wherein,
- said bottom surface of said first candle segment is configured for attaching said top surface of said second candle segment by inserting said one or more protruding studs into said one or more of a stud cavities.
- 9. The layered candle of claim 8 wherein,
- said one or more protruding studs are on said top surface of said two or more candle segments; and
- said one or more stud cavities are in said bottom surface of said two or more candle segments.
- 10. The layered candle of claim 8 wherein,
- said one or more protruding studs are on said bottom surface of said two or more candle segments; and
- said one or more stud cavities are in said top surface of said two or more candle segments.
- 11. The layered candle of claim 8 wherein,
- said one or more protruding studs and said one or more stud cavities are equal in number and location on said candle segments.
- 12. The two or more candle segments of claim 1 wherein each of said two or more candle segments comprise a 65 hook-and-loop set having a hook portion and a loop portion;

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- said hook portion and said loop portions begin attached on opposite sides of said each of said two or more candle segments at a top surface and a bottom surface; and further wherein,
 - said bottom surface of said first candle segment is capable of attaching said top surface of said second candle segment by arranging said hook-and-loop set between each of said two or more candle segments of said layered candle.
- A layered candle manufacturing method comprising: attaching a first end of an extended candle wick around a rod.
- attaching a second end of said extended candle wick to a post of a candle tab,
- placing said candle tab at a bottom of a container while keeping said rod with said first end of said extended candle wick at a top of said container,

pouring a liquid wax into said container,

- molding said a first candle segment form said liquid wax, said candle tab and said wick, and
- removing said first candle segment from said container when said liquid wax solidifies;

and wherein,

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- said first candle segment comprises a top surface and a bottom surface,
- said first candle segment comprises a portion of a two or more candle segments comprising a layered candle, and
- a bottom surface of said first candle segment is formed so as to nest into a top surface of a second candle segment among said two or more candle segments
- said two or more candle segments each comprise a candle wick, a top surface, a bottom surface, and a height:
- said candle wick comprises a portion of said extended candle wick;
- a bottom surface of said first candle segment is configured for attaching a top surface of said second candle segment;
- each of said two or more candle segments further comprise a tab;
- said candle wick attaches to said tab at said bottom surface of each of said two or more candle segments; said tab comprises a firewall between said two or more candle segments;
- each of said two or more candle segments consists of said tab at said bottom surface,
 - said candle wick attached to said tab, and
- said candle wick penetrating through said top surface; said first candle segment comprises a top segment of said layered candle; and
 - said layered candle is configured to
 - burn said candle wick of said first candle segment with a flame until said flame reaches said tab of said first candle segment, and
 - extinguish said flame by blocking continued burning at said tab of said first candle segment; and
 - said layered candle is configured to receive a new flame with said candle wick of said second segment after removing said tab of said first candle segment.
- 14. The layered candle manufacturing method of claim 13 wherein making molding said first candle segment further comprises:
 - molding a convex surface into said bottom surface of said first candle segment with said bottom of said container and

molding a concave surface into said top surface of said first candle segment with an upper cast.

15. The layered candle manufacturing method of claim 13 wherein making molding said first candle segment further comprises:

molding a one or more protruding studs into said bottom surface of said first candle segment with said bottom of said container and

molding a one or more of a stud cavities into said top surface of said first candle segment with an upper cast. 10

16. The layered candle manufacturing method of claim 13 wherein making molding said first candle segment further comprises:

molding a one or more of a stud cavities into said bottom surface of said first candle segment with said bottom of 15 said container and

molding a one or more protruding studs into said top surface of said first candle segment with an upper cast.

17. A layered candle comprising:

said layered candle comprising a two or more candle 20 segments;

said two or more candle segments comprise at least a first candle segment and a second candle segment;

said two or more candle segments each comprise a candle wick, a top surface, a bottom surface, and a height; 10

a bottom surface of said first candle segment is configured for attaching a top surface of said second candle segment;

said two or more candle segments comprise an adhesive set between each of said two or more candle segments; further wherein.

said bottom surface of said first candle segment is configured for attaching said top surface of said second candle segment by holding said two or more segments of said layered candle together with said adhesive.

18. The layered candle of claim 17 wherein:

said adhesive set comprises an adhesive and an adhesive sticker;

said adhesive adheres to said bottom surface of each of said two or more candle segments;

said adhesive sticker protects said adhesive prior to use;

said two or more candle segments are configured to adhere to one another by

removing said adhesive sticker from said first candle segment and pressing said adhesive of said first candle segment into a top surface of said second candle segment.

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