# tealight holders , Winterdorf, Gießen

**Instructions No. 4130**

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 2 Hours

By casting with **modeling clay**, you can create a **wintery Advent decoration** that gives your home a calm and warm atmosphere. Individual houses and fir trees come together to form a small village that you can rearrange again and again. The interlocking edges provide stability and make rearranging the pieces especially easy. With tea lights and subtle accents—such as metallic-—you can create soft points of light and highlights.




## Pour " casting compound " to make a winter village

**Cast the Winter Village from casting compound and assemble the pieces flexibly**. Mix your casting compound with water until it has a smooth, creamy consistency. “Creamy” means: The mixture runs slowly off the mixing paddle

but still spreads easily in the silicone mould. This is exactly how it fills in fine details cleanly and becomes sturdy after drying—ideal for Advent decorations and a small winter village.

Pour the casting mixture into the silicone mold for the village and into the silicone mold for the “ tealight holders. ” Smooth the surface with a spatula or the back of a spoon to ensure clean edges later on. Then tap the mold all around on the outside. This releases air bubbles that would otherwise cause small holes, and your castings will have a nice, smooth surface.

**Let it set: for clean edges and sturdy connection points** Let the filled molds rest for about hour . During this time, the casting material “sets”: it becomes firm enough so that neither the thin roof edges nor the connection edges break off when demolding.

**Demolding: Stretch the silicone instead of pulling on the cast piece** Carefully remove the parts from the silicone mould, by gently stretching the mold and slowly working the cast piece out. Silicone is flexible—use that to your advantage. This ensures that windows, contours, and especially the interlocking edges remain intact, so your winter village can be securely assembled later.

**Sanding the edges: so everything fits perfectly** Lightly sand any sharp or uneven areas with fine-grit sandpaper ( sandpaper ). This ensures comfortable handling, a professional finish, and—most importantly—a better fit in the interlocking strip. If you work carefully here, the scene will stand sturdily later and look higher-quality overall.

**Let it dry completely: Stability for your Advent decor** Let all cast elements dry completely for about 12 hours. Only then will the casting compound be truly durable. This step is important if you plan to paint, label, or rearrange the pieces regularly later on without damaging the edges.

**Painting and Decorating: metallic-Accents and Snow Effects** For an elegant Advent look, you can highlight details with metallic-acrylic paint —such as roof edges or small accents. To create dots on the fir trees, dip the brush handle into the paint and dab it on. You can create fine speckles by dipping the bristles in paint and running your finger over them. Test this briefly at Paper, to make sure the splatter size fits your winter village.

**Designing the lettering: Transfer neatly and trace with opaque paint** Print out our template and transfer it to the pegboard using graphite paper. Graphite paper is a transfer paper: When you trace over it, it leaves a fine line on the surface so you can position the lettering evenly. Then trace the lines neatly with an opaque acrylic marker so the lettering is clearly legible.

**Assemble and illuminate: Rearrange the scene over and over again**. Insert the houses and fir trees into the slot edge and arrange your winter village to match your decor. Thanks to the slot system, you can change the arrangement at any time. Then place the tea lights in the designated holders—this will instantly give your cast winter decoration a warm, festive Advent glow.

**Now it’s your turn:** If you’re looking for even more ideas for casting with molding compound, winter decorations, and Advent projects, stop by our online shop and discover the right molds, colors, and accessories for your next winter village.

# Must Have



## VBS Silicone mould "Tealight holder - Rectangular" with plug edge, 4 tealight candles

Fill volume: 465 ml
Length: 22.7 cm
Width: 13.5 cm
Height: 2.8 cm
Material: Silicone

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