

coffee based
biodegradable
candles



rekava's biodegradable candle containers are made of recycled coffee grounds



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About us

rekava is a sustainable Ukrainian brand that creates eco-friendly products from spent coffee grounds. Founded in 2020, and now operates in Lviv. All products decompose completely within 2 to 4 months when disposed of in soil.

Our key products:

rekava cups:
biodegradable disposable
cups for beverages

rekava candles:
decorative aromatic
candles



rekava candles are made from innovative bio materials based on recycled coffee grounds, high-quality soy wax, premium scented oils, and dyes. Instead of the usual metal wick holders, we use our own development — fire-resistant bioceramics made from eggshells. Uniquely, after the candle burns out, the container can be disposed of by sorting it into organic waste, composting, or using it as a biodegradable pot for seedlings.

At rekava, we create candles with a deep commitment to environmental sustainability. Our products are truly unique.







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Our solution

Every year, approximately 6 million tons of coffee grounds are produced globally. Proper disposal is essential to prevent soil acidification and the formation of hazardous gases.





completely biodegradable

easily composted and decomposes in 1.5-4.5 months



based on food by-products

without plastic and with natural ingredients



waste-free

it can become animal feed, fertilizer, or biofuel after use



safe for your health

free of PFAS and other chemicals



100% vegan

it consists only of components of plant origin



eco-friendly

complies with the Recycling principle and preserves trees



rekava's mission is to save the planet from single-use plastic and spent coffee grounds in landfills. We create an ecological alternative - our products, which are made from spent coffee grounds and other natural components, and are completely biodegradable and waste-free. And we sincerely believe that each of us, choosing environmentally friendly alternatives, contributes to the preservation of our planet.

Art of production

What makes rekava's candles innovative and eco-friendly?

Biodegradable Containers and Lids. Our candle containers and lids are fully home compostable, crafted from recycled coffee grounds. We use premium soy wax sourced from the USA, and our dyes and fragrances are procured from top manufacturers worldwide.

Innovative Wick Designs. We offer two types of wicks for rekava candles: an ecological cotton wick ensures a smooth, consistent burn, while a wooden wick creates a warm, inviting ambiance with its gentle crackling sound.



ecological
cotton wicks



wooden wicks,
produced in-house

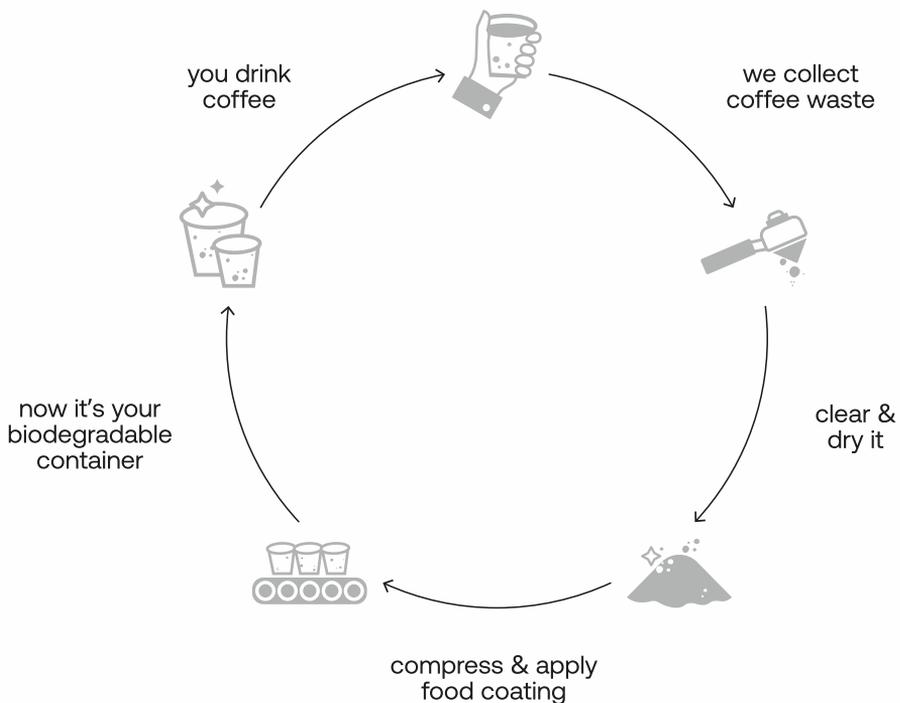
Unlike conventional practices, we do not trim our wicks. Instead, we manufacture them to a predetermined length, eliminating wood and cotton waste. This approach aligns with our philosophy of conscious production and the rational use of raw materials. In addition, our wick holders have a unique shape and are made of unfired clay. This material is not only ecological but also safe, as it prevents the container from catching fire.

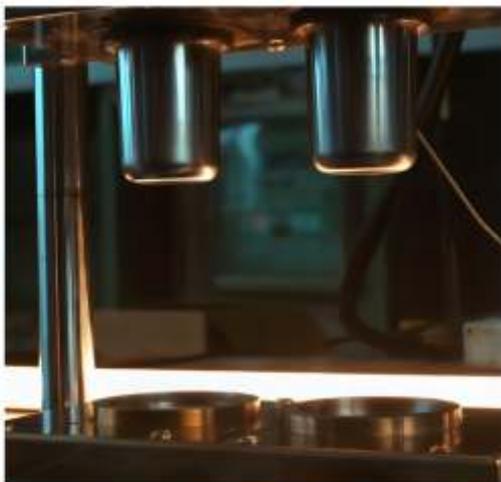
Another important feature is that the wax in our candles burns completely. Unlike other candles on the market, which recommend leaving 0.5-1 cm of wax to prevent container collapse, rekava candles can be enjoyed until the very end.

We encourage our customers to upcycle by giving a second life to our single-use candle containers as plant pots. How does it work? **We include coconut substrate and seeds with every order.** After the wax has burned, you can place the substrate in the container, add water, and plant the seeds.



Furthermore, we have chosen packaging for our candles that is easy to dispose of. It is made from recycled paper and contains no plastic. Our boxes are crafted from recycled micro-corrugated cardboard, and the belt on the box is also cardboard. We avoid using stickers because they contain plastic.





New collection

Each of these scents is carefully chosen,
each with its own unique story

Symbolic scents of the world is a new collection that was specially designed for the Maison & Objet 2024 exhibition. This collection is dedicated to the world's great cities and features the iconic fragrances of Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, Tokyo, Kyiv, New York, and, of course, Paris.



Paris

Paris is symbolically associated with the scent of lilies due to their historical and cultural significance in France. The lily, specifically the fleur-de-lis, is an ancient symbol of the French monarchy, used on coats of arms, seals, and other state symbols. It embodies purity, nobility, and royal authority. The fragrance of lilies, with their refinement and elegance, is linked to the romantic and artistic image of Paris, where beauty and style are essential elements of the city's culture. Lilies also appear in many gardens and parks in Paris, enhancing their connection to the city and adding touches of nobility and sophistication to its image.



Amsterdam

Amsterdam is symbolically associated with the scent of tulips due to their historical significance and importance to Dutch culture. Tulips became a symbol of the Netherlands in the 17th century during the so-called “tulip mania” — a period when these flowers became extremely popular and highly valued. Dutch farmers have been cultivating tulips for centuries, making them an important export product for the country. In the spring, tulips transform the fields around Amsterdam into colorful carpets that attract tourists from all over the world.

Tulips have become part of the national identity, and their fragrance symbolizes the beauty, joy, and rich cultural heritage of the Netherlands.



Berlin

Berlin is symbolically associated with the scent of linden trees. Lindens have long been associated with Berlin, especially due to the famous street Unter den Linden, which translates to "Under the Lindens." This street was planted with linden trees in the 17th century by order of Elector Friedrich Wilhelm, and since then, lindens have become an integral part of the city's landscape. The scent of linden is associated with summer, tranquility, and natural beauty, making it a symbol of Berlin. Lindens bloom in June, and their delicate fragrance fills the streets, creating a special atmosphere and adding charm to the city.



Rome

Rome is symbolically associated with the scent of the pine tree, specifically the umbrella pine, due to its unique presence in the city's landscape. These trees have a characteristic shape resembling an umbrella, with a wide canopy that gives them a distinctive appearance. Umbrella pines grow in many iconic locations in Rome, such as Villa Borghese, the Appian Way, and around ancient Roman monuments. The scent of these pines is associated with Rome's historical and cultural heritage, creating an atmosphere of tranquility and grandeur. These trees have become a symbol of the city, blending natural beauty with centuries-old history. Their fragrance evokes thoughts of ancient times and eternity, highlighting the unique spirit of Rome.



Tokyo

Tokyo is symbolically associated with the scent of cherry blossoms due to their deep cultural significance in Japan. Cherry blossoms, or sakura, are a symbol of spring, new beginnings, and the fleeting nature of life. Every year, during the cherry blossom season, the Japanese participate in a tradition called “hanami” — flower viewing, where people gather under cherry trees to enjoy their beauty. The scent of cherry blossoms, though light and delicate, is associated with this special time of year when the entire country comes alive with white and pink blooms. Tokyo has many parks and gardens where cherry blossoms become the main attraction, drawing both locals and tourists. Sakura also reflects the aesthetic of “wabi-sabi” — appreciating beauty in imperfection and transience.



Kyiv

Kyiv is symbolically associated with the scent of lilacs and chestnuts due to their significance in the city's landscape and culture. Lilacs and chestnuts are among the most common and recognizable trees and shrubs in Kyiv, blooming in spring and adding unique beauty to the city. Chestnuts are particularly known for their white or pink flowers, which adorn Kyiv's streets, avenues, and parks, creating a symbolic image of the city. Chestnuts have become so important that they even appear on some of the city's official symbols (since 1969, they have been an official symbol of Kyiv). Lilacs add a touch of tenderness and romance to springtime Kyiv.



New York

New York is symbolically associated with the scent of apples due to its nickname "The Big Apple." This name emerged in the 1920s thanks to journalist John Fitzgerald, who used it to refer to New York in his articles about horse racing. It later became popular among jazz musicians, who called the city "The Big Apple," symbolizing a large city with many opportunities. The apple became a symbol of New York as a city that attracts people from all over the world with its limitless possibilities, energy, and dynamism. The taste and aroma of apples are associated with simplicity, freshness, and the potential for success, reflecting the spirit of New York as a place where dreams can become reality.



All rekava candles contain natural soy wax, colored with premium candle dyes to match the scent as closely as possible, enhancing its perception. The fragrance itself consists of candle-scented oils from top global manufacturers. Each candle is packaged individually in stylized packaging that is free of plastic and other non-eco-friendly elements. Even the wick holders in the candles are uniquely designed from eggshells instead of the traditional metal.

Aroma collection

Collection of candles with the most recognizable aromas: Rose, Coffee, Wheat, Plum, Nut, Frankincense, Milk, Grape, Watermelon, Herbs with Honey, Apricot, Rivers and Sea, Library, Cherry, Cookie, Oak, White Acacia, Amber, Ice Cream



Amber



Apricot



Cherry



Coffee



Cookies



Grape



Herbs and Honey



Ice-cream



Library





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Our mission is to make these alternatives accessible to everyone.

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