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Eternal Flames

More than sources of light, candles, or *velas*, play symbolic roles in Mexican religious ceremonies and festivals. These **sculptural candlesticks** illuminate a tradition of craftsmanship while elevating everyday rituals.



PINCHED POTTERY

San José de Gracia in Michoacán is well-known for its pottery technique combining *vidriado*, a high-temperature glazing process, with *pastillaje* in which thin strips of clay are rolled and then pinched between fingers to create ornamental flowers, plants, or the town's iconic pineapple.

BAROQUE BEESWAX

In Teotitlán del Valle in Oaxaca, a candle is offered with a marriage proposal to a bride's family as a gift of good luck. These exquisite floral tapers, hand-poured from layers of 100 percent beeswax, are works of art by **Doña Viviana**, who carries on her family's 300-year-old legacy of candlemaking.

LOOPED EARTHENWARE

Perla Valtierra traveled the globe to experiment with traditional pottery techniques before launching her studio of handcrafted Bajío earthenware. Looped ribbons accentuate the sensuous shape of the candlesticks in an oxide glaze, giving each vessel its own subtle texture and hue.



FROM LEFT: Ribete Cirio candleholder, Perla Valtierra. • Casa Viviana Specialty beeswax candle, Obakki. • Sorgo candleholder, Onora. • Ribete candleholder, Perla Valtierra. • Casa Viviana Oaxacan Floral taper, Terrain. • Tres Luces candleholder, Onora. • Piña candleholder, Onora. • Ribete Cirio candleholder, Perla Valtierra. • Casa Viviana Oaxacan Floral taper, Terrain. • Casa Viviana Specialty beeswax candle, Obakki. • Casa Viviana Small skirted candle, Obakki. • Liso Corazon vase, Obakki. • Dipped taper and Fancy taper candles, The Floral Society. • Matouk Schumacher Granada tablecloth, Matouk. • Limewash paint in Pamplemousse, Color Atelier

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