Solitary Imbolc Ritual

You Will Need:

•A White Altar cloth

•Any Early white flowers (alyssum, narcissus, etc) or white votive candles to outline the circle.

•Four large white candles surrounded by a sampling of any green buds and shoots available, and some seeds at the four quarters.

•Imbolc Incense

•A cauldron filled with water

•A large white candle with 3 wicks

* Candle wax
* Wicks
* Candle molds
* Stove/hot plate (to melt the wax)

Prepare Area

•Start by decorating the perimeter of the circle with the white flowers, candles and the quarter candles. (Do not light the quarter candles yet)

•Set up the altar in the appropriate manner.

•Place the cauldron with water on the alter, with the candle unlit inside it.

Cast the Circle

Set up the altar as is most comfortable for you; the large white candle should be unlit on the altar inside the cauldron as well.

When you are ready, stand facing the North and say:

•“Amidst the darkness, the Lady is stirring, gently awakened from frozen dreams, all the world has waited for this moment, the return of the Maiden, and Her promise of Spring!”

Face east and light the large Eastern White Candle, saying:

•“Powers of Air, the Maiden Returns! Enter my Circle, bringing with you the essence of the fresh clean air, Remind me of Spring during this time of Returning Life.”

Going to the South, light the Southern White Candle and say:

•“Powers of Fire, the Maiden Returns! Enter my Circle, bringing with you the first warming rays of light, Remind me of Summer during this time of Returning Life.”

Move to the West and light the Western White Candle, saying:

•“Powers of Water, the Maiden Returns! Enter my circle, bringing with you the fresh, pure waters of the melted snows, Remind me of Autumn during this time of Returning Life.”

Face the North and light the Northern White Candle and say:

•“Powers of Earth, the Maiden Returns! Enter my circle, bringing with you the land that now stirs and awakens, Remind me of Winter during this time of Returning Life.”

Finally, take up the Athamé and facing East, the direction of the Rising Sun, take a moment to center yourself and begin to cast the Circle. Visualize a white light coming from the tip of the athamé and with arms straight out, turn the blade point out, slowly turning clockwise the light following you.

When you return to the East bring the athamé back to you and say: “As above, so below.”

As you say this, visualize the light going above you and below you forming a perfect sphere.

Invoke the God and Goddess

* "Sacred womb, giver of the secrets of Life, Mother of all that exists in the Universe, I ask your guardianship of this gathering and your assistance in my work. I am gathered in celebration of your gifts."
* "Fire of the sky, guardian of all that exists in the Universe, I ask your guardianship of this gathering and your assistance in my work. I am gathered in celebration of your gifts."

Light the candle inside the cauldron of water and sing "Holy Water Sacred Flame" softly.

Meditate for a time on the meaning of Imbolc and the return of Life.

~ This is where you do your workings, make the candles out of the supplies you brought~

Close the quarters and release the elements and lord and lady when you are finished.

Blessed be.

Most of this is from a website, I only added parts. http://www.angelfire.com/wa3/angelline/imbolc\_solitary\_ritual.htm