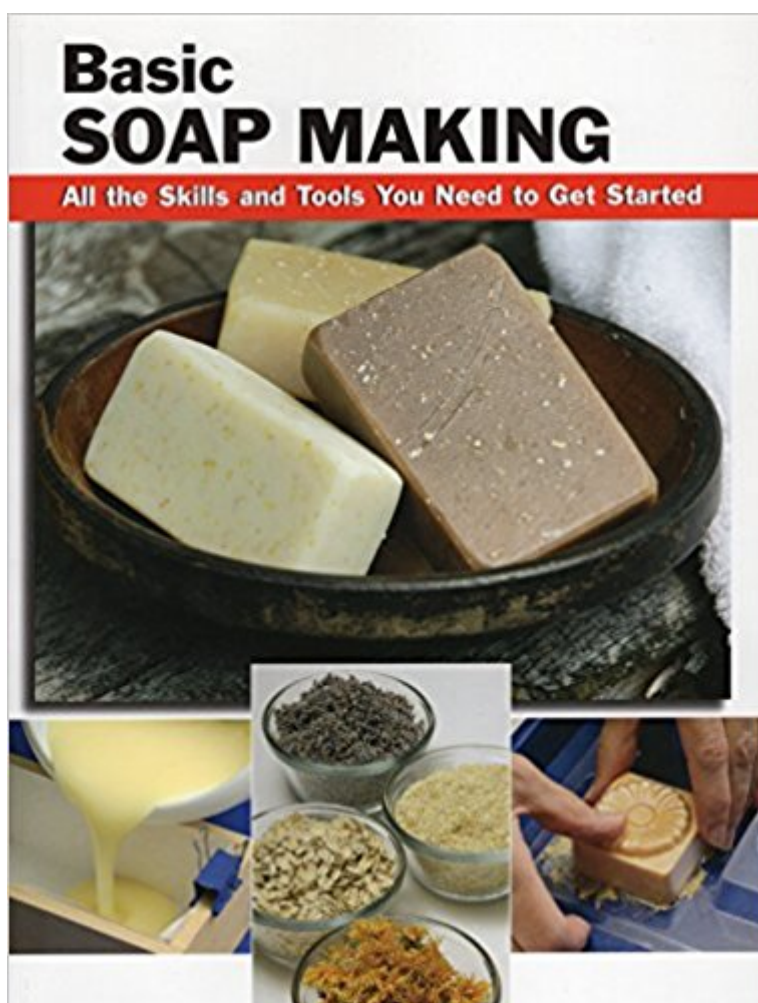


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# Basic Soap Making: All The Skills And Tools You Need To Get Started (How To Basics)



## Synopsis

Handmade soap is inexpensive, soft on skin, and makes a great gift for anyone. Readers will learn the basic four-oil soap recipe, which can then be enhanced with additives such as oatmeal, fragrance oils, colored swirls, two-tone nuggets, and moisturizing butters. Charts on saponification, base oils, and luxury oils make creating unique soap recipes easy. Hundreds of step-by-step, full-color photographs illustrate exactly how to make cold-process soap. Instructions on molding soap, cutting bars, creating original recipes, packaging gifts, and more. Includes a chapter on constructing a soap mold, liner, and cutter at home.

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## Customer Reviews

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I'm new to soap making and I bought this as well as another book. I love the pictures. I also love the step by step instructions for adding oatmeal, colors and fragrances. Very helpful. It also has a good list in the back of characteristics in soap of different oils/butters. It also contains a helpful SAP index and instructions for making your own soap. Cons: Each recipe calls for a different size soap box. I

made soap boxes at home last weekend out of wood for the first basic soap recipe, but the next recipe calls for a larger box. The next recipe for an even larger box. That's annoying, I don't want a hobby of making soap boxes. I want a hobby of making soap! Also - for some reason none of the recipes suggested use butters, only oils. I'm not sure if that is so readers don't have to buy a ton of different ingredients or just to keep it simple. Overall, it's a keeper and I'm glad I have it to refer to. But I've quickly realized that I need to learn to make my own recipes.

Being new to soap making I purchased three (3) books, Milk Soapmaking by Anne L. Watson, Soap Crafting By Anne-Marie Faiola, The Soap Queen and Basic Soap Making edited by Letcavage. I have reviewed the three and find that each of them has good information to offer. If you are looking for an easy to follow soap making book that is great for a beginner like myself I would recommend both Basic Soap Making by Letcavage and Soap Crafting by The Soap Queen as they have easy to follow instructions as well as pictures to follow along. The Basic Soap making book offers more explanation on types of oils and smells to showing you some common items that can be used to make soap. The Soap Crafting book provides easy to follow recipes as well as easy to follow instruction and explanations. I love not only the MANY recipes in this book but also the explanation on techniques used to get different designs in soap. In my opinion, these books complement each other very well or could be purchased separately. The Milk Soapmaking book is perfect for milk soap recipes as well as explanations; it is a straight read only book so if you're looking for a picture explanation you will not get it. She does an excellent job of describing what texture you should look for however, if you like an example this book may be best as an accompaniment to one or both of the other books and not as a sole source.

I love that the book is spiral bound so it lays flat and stays open to the page you need. I love the step by step photographs of the process from beginning to end, including the emphasis on safety. I love that the author includes easily understood equations that allow even a newcomer to create original recipes. Within a few days of receiving this book from I had made my first wooden soap mold and cutter. The author makes it clear that this is not required, but I wanted to! I had just about every ingredient and tool on hand and made my first batch of 4 oil soap, which is now curing and waiting to be shared with family and friends. I plan on making every recipe in the book and then creating my own. LOVE IT LOVE IT

I LOVED this book. It's practically all pictures, and the spiral binding allows it to lie flat. Sure, there

are tons of soap-making books, but this one wins for simplicity. While other books overwhelmed me with information and calculations, this one walked me through and let me believe that I could actually do this myself and not blow myself up. Don't get me wrong- I am not saying the details are unimportant. I'm just saying that most adults learn by layering information. They need the basic skeleton....once they have that down, they are comfortable filling in the nooks and crannies with the details. This book is that skeleton and is exactly what I was looking for to get me started. As for the projects and looks of the soap...they might not be the prettiest ones, but that's what MY imagination is for! I just needed some solid footing to get started.

I am no expert at soap making, downloaded this book because I was curious, and I discovered a well written book with plenty of photos documenting each step of the soap making process. After reading this book, I do think I will take a pass on soap making as I don't like handling harsh ingredients such as lye. Much to the author's credit she does give explicit instructions (with photos) on how to presumably safely make soap using lye. The directions are detailed and the photos are explicit making this a well written and documented book. Recommend.

I bought this book and another, the "Everything" soap book. I found that this book had all the basic info I was looking for without much chattering, and includes lots of step-by-step pictures, as well as a very lean and clear explanation of SAP values and how to calculate them in your own recipes. It even shows you how to make your own wood soap mold, and gives ideas for packaging. I cannot vouch for the recipes themselves, but there are tons of recipes on the internet if you do a search. All in all, the best clear, basic instructions for someone who wants to learn how to make their own soap. The other resource I found to be very informative, up-to-date and helpful was the "About" series with David Fisher. He has some really good videos on how to use lye properly, and great links for more resources.

This was the first book I started with when I was first learning to make hand crafted soap. Clear easy to follow directions and recipes. highly recommend. My first soaps all turned out perfect and then I was hooked.

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