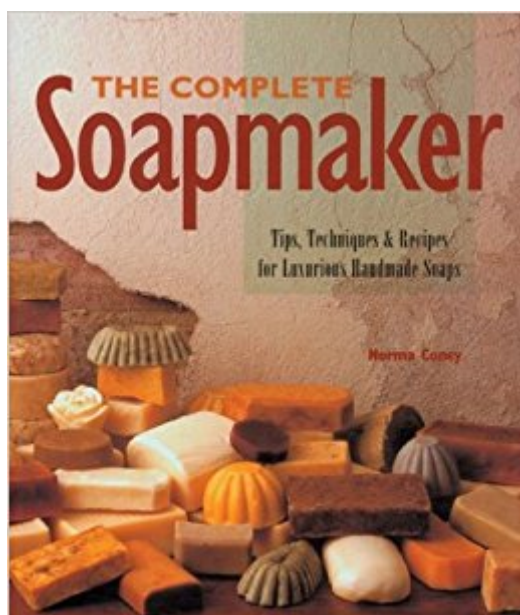


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# The Complete Soapmaker: Tips, Techniques & Recipes For Luxurious Handmade Soaps



## Synopsis

“Provides detailed instructions and recipes for basic lye soaps made with animal or vegetable fats, and for hand-milled and specialty soaps using almond meal, chamomile, glycerin, and milk....Shampoo and liquid are covered as well.” •Library Journal.

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Soapmaking, once a practical necessity for the homemaker, has almost passed out of the repertoire of home crafts. Nevertheless, one can still make homemade soap with delightful fragrances and interesting textures. This book provides detailed instructions and recipes for basic lye soaps made with animal or vegetable fats and for hand-milled and specialty soaps using almond meal, chamomile, glycerin, and milk that expand on those basic formulas. Shampoos and liquid soaps are covered as well. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

CORRECTIONS to The Complete Soapmaker, by Norma Coney Note to the reader: the changes on page 34 are particularly important and should be noted for reasons of safety. On page 34, step 5 should read: 5. Make sure that the pitcher with water in it is resting on a protected surface. Carefully

and slowly pour the lye into the water. Use your wooden spoon to lessen any splashing of the lye solution caused by chunks of lye dropping into the pitcher. Don't make the mistake of adding the water to the lye. On page 34, the first sentence of step 6 should read: 6. After you've added all the lye to the water, stir the solution gently with a wooden spoon until you're sure that all the lye has dissolved. On page 50, the first sentence of step 6 should read: 6. Continue to stir periodically until the soap has reached a pudding-like consistency. On page 50, the first sentence of step 7 should read: 7. When the soap has reached a pudding-like consistency, remove it from the heat and stir it gently as it cools.

I received this book a few weeks ago and just got around to making my first batch of 19th century soap. The detail to instructions in this book are great. They are easy to follow and written for everyone to understand. I do not have a lot of creativities so to be able to follow someone elses instructions to make something pretty and usable is awesome. That being said, my first batch of soap failed. I was crushed, but, the author does stress that sometimes even the most experienced soap makers make mistakes. The troubleshooting chapter was a great help and i just remelted and it set up fine the second time. Word of note! She recommends the use of suet in her book. THIS IS NOT EASY TO FIND. Butcher shops are far and few in between and hard to come by. Some grocery store chains may give you beef fat, which I had to use, to make tallow Rouses ground the fat for me, and it was the cheapest. I love Rouses. For those that really want to learn soapmaking, like me, it is a must have in your library.

I bought a copy of this book when it was first published. I had never made soap before and for a first time soap maker, I absolutely loved this book. I have made every single recipe and they all came out perfect. Unfortunately, I lost my copy when I recently moved but I was thrilled to see that it is still available. I found the book to be very informative and easy to follow. I felt that I was able to learn enough for basic skills and with practice gained enough confidence to begin experimenting with my own recipes. When I went looking for another copy it didn't even occur to me to look for other books. I have done a lot of reading via the internet since I first bought this book and have learned a great deal more but this is my first love. Although it is not the end all be all reference for soap making it is an excellent place to start. I wish I could find my old tattered copy complete with margin scribbles but new copy will have to do.

Wish it had more basic recipes other than the tallow -very few people take the time to render it these

days (including me).Or at least refer to the possibility of internet recipes. I have been a soap maker for yrs. -bought this book for a friend that is interested in getting started - great basic review of the cold process soap making and use of natural colors and fragrances -but again should refer to the internet for the purchase of fragrances and other soap making products. Very few people have access to local stores where they can purchase these. In NYS you need to have a state crafter license or other work related license in order to purchase the lye because of bomb making and meth labs - too bad. I think the instructions I gave my friend along with your book will give her a good start. thankyou

Once I read this book, I had to have a copy of it. It's trouble shooting and explanations REALLY help you understand the aspects of soap making. Although I would like to see more recipes in it that don't call for tallow as tallow is really hard to come by.

great book

Absolutely Love this book! It has everything to make your own soap or just make blended soap. It is a must for anyone interested in soap making from advanced techniques to easier techniques. I rely on only this book.Excellent shipping too.

It is an old book and many new techniques are used now, but I found the book helpful and interesting.

THIS IS AN OLD BOOK PUBLISHED IN 1955,BUT THE METHOD OF PREPARING SOAP IS EASY ,WHERE AS I WAS SEARCHING NEW METHOD OF SOAP MAKING ,AS SOON AS I WILL ORDERED TO BUY SOAP MAKING PRODUCTS ,HOPE TO TAKE HELP FROM THIS BOOK,THANK YOU , ,

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