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# Smart Soapmaking: The Simple Guide To Making Soap Quickly, Safely, And Reliably, Or How To Make Luxurious Soaps For Family, Friends, And Yourself





## Synopsis

SPECIAL NOTE! " ANNE WILL PERSONALLY ANSWER ANY QUESTION OF YOURS AFTER READING THIS BOOK. ASK ON HER WEB SITE, AND YOU'LL NORMALLY HEAR BACK WITHIN HOURS! Maybe you've made melt-and-pour soap and want to move on to something more challenging and rewarding. Maybe traditional soapmaking appeals to you, but you figure that working with lye is too difficult or dangerous. Or maybe you're already doing it, but outmoded ideas and methods are complicating the process and slowing you down. No matter which of these fits you, you'll find "Smart Soapmaking" • practical, helpful, and refreshing. Written by a former professional soapmaker, this book explodes the myths about soapmaking and shows you how to make luxurious soap from scratch with the least fuss and bother. With both customary and metric measurements, plus a list of suppliers in five countries, "Smart Soapmaking" • is the first truly international book on the craft! //////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////// Anne L. Watson is the author of the wildly popular and widely acclaimed beginners book "Smart Soapmaking" • and its companions, "Milk Soapmaking," • "Smart Lotionmaking," • "Castile Soapmaking," • and "Cool Soapmaking." • She has made soap professionally under the company name Soap Tree, and before her retirement was a historic preservation architecture consultant. Anne's other published books include "Baking with Cookie Molds" • and several novels. Anne, her husband, Aaron, and their cat, Skeeter, live in Friday Harbor, Washington. ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

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understand.â • â ” Barb Miller, Millerâ ™s Homemade Soaps, Westfield, Pennsylvania  
â œGroundbreaking . . . . Anne L. Watson [is the] universally respected and loved  
author/crafter/curator of this lost art for thousands of aspiring soapers . . . . Unquestionably the best  
book with which to begin. To be precise, itâ ™s probably the most accessible, most reader-friendly,  
and most immediately useful container of information a first-time soapmaker could hope to find.â •  
â ” Wishing Willow (blog) â œâ ^Smart Soapmakingâ ™ finally got me over the hump [of fearing lye].  
. . . I think Anne Watson is the Elizabeth Zimmermann of the soap world â ” a frugal, co

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## Customer Reviews

Loved the style of writing! I am beginner soaper so the no nonsense style with a touch of humor is exactly what I like! Thank you for writing Ms. Watson. I will be buying the other books. I am so hooked!

I'm not one that normally writes reviews, but this book warrants some praise and I thought that new

soapers should be advised. First off, I appreciated the thoughtful style in which she covers the basics. Like everything else, a solid foundation is key otherwise everything that gets built upon it risks instability; so that's the first thing. Everyone learns differently, for the hands on learner, this book is for you. We just want to get in there and do it and this book gets you in there doing it, safely and concisely. For me, it's a little wordy, but some people need that much direction and she's done a really good job of getting the reader/soaper from point A to a final product fairly quick... and with great results. When I 1st started I never realised how much chemistry went into making soap, and I am still learning, but it's easier than you would think, and the author takes you by the hand gets you going. It has several starter recipes to choose from; some with and some without butters and mostly veggie based. Personally, I wished for more tallow based recipes as there may come a day when commercial veggie oil may not be so easy to come by. There are SAP values and she explains different oils and other additives. There is also a resource section to help you get started on your new journey. Keep in mind it is a beginners book, but being a hands on learner myself, IMHO it's the best beginners book out there. (Thanks Anne - if you see this)

A very basic guide for the beginning soapmaker, and a great place to start. Many soapmaking myths exploded, a lot of good information simply explained to demystify the process. I liked the simple, small batch recipes included for beginner experimentation.

I have several of this authors digital books. I love them all. They are well written, easy to understand, easy to follow with several good recipes. I have read several soap making books as I plan on making it one of these days. So far, this is my favorite and any beginner soap maker would like it! Maybe even some who have made soap for a while might also like it.

The author is educating beginners about all of the basics. This book is about the step-by-step process of creating hand-crafted cold-processed soaps. She breaks the steps down and explains in detail what is required and why. The beginner is taught about the chemistry of the ingredients and the process by which the soap is made. She wants you to understand and not just follow instructions. I believe this makes for a much safer environment which seems to be her goal. There are several lovely sounding soap recipes that sound easy enough for me to attempt as well as a lot of wonderful suggestions about wrapping the product for gifts or for selling. She includes references and websites for more information, products, and soap-making calculators. I thought it was quite comprehensive, in my-I'm-a-baby-beginner-soap-maker opinion.

I am just getting into the DIY-back to basics sort of lifestyle. I am in the process of accumulating supplies and equipment in order to make my first batch of soap. I have read this book once, but will probably read it again before doing the actual soapmaking. I cannot recall all that I read but I do know the author made some points and gave some suggestions that I have not seen elsewhere. I also remember that she made the process seem less intimidating. The book is a very quick read and very clearly written. I would recommend it to others like myself, who are just getting started with soapmaking.

For 99 cents, if you own a Kindle or tablet, this book is an absolute treasure for the price you're paying for it. Anne writes comprehensively and dispels many of the most common soapmaking myths with straightforward explanations. You can definitely tell that she knows what she's talking about, and as the reader, you will benefit from her lessons learned through personal research, trial and error and lots of experience. If you're considering getting into milk soapmaking, do yourself a favor, spend the dollar, buy this book and read it cover to cover. This, along with Anne's book "Milk Soapmaking" will help give you the confidence you'll need to head to your kitchen, put your goggles and gloves on, and make some great soaps. You don't need pictures. She writes vividly enough and sorts her instructions clearly enough, for you to follow them just fine if you have basic reading comprehension skills. I'm extremely happy after buying all 3 of her books. Even though I didn't use any of her recipes (yet! -- I have my eye on her sour cream recipe and plan on making that as my next batch!), her instructions and explanations helped me overcome personal trepidation and make a fabulous batch of buttermilk soap that I'm looking forward to using in a few short weeks.

This is the best book a beginner can purchase, I've never in my life made soap so I decided to get this book. I've only made about 4 batches and I have another book but this one is so simple. The author is right there for you, you can email her anytime you have questions or get stuck. She emails you back ASAP really I was surprised, I did not expect to hear from her for a week or more but she emailed me the same day, and I emailed her lots of times. I started making my own soap because I got cancer and wanted to stop using the commercial stuff that is filled with chemicals so I make homemade milk soap using her recipes; and they are great! Just try it once and you will find yourself doing it all the time because it is so easy your 13 year old could do it. I wanted to add, that the author's other book is all "Milk soapmaking" She has a recipe for Goat, Coconut and regular milk for soap. It is so sudsy and your skin feels so soft after you use it, all of your family and friends are

going to want a bar.

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