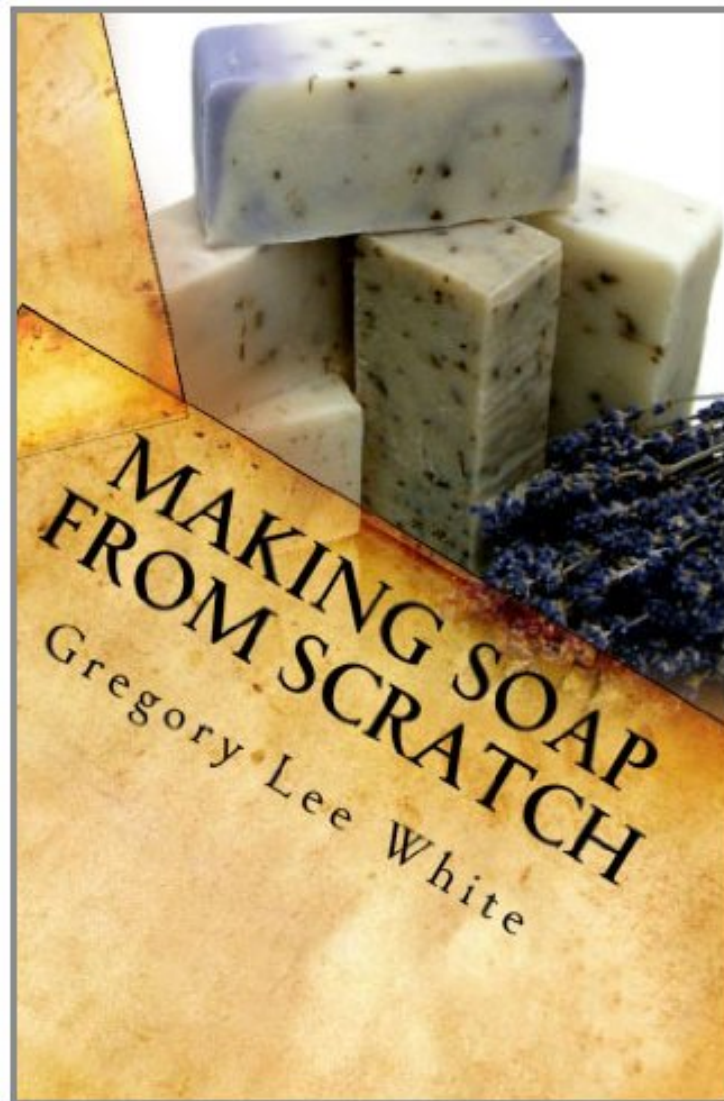


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3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Informative, Helpful, and FunnyBy ErynThis was one of the two books I bought as I prepared to make soap for the first time; after searching for hours on hours through everything available here at . I was slightly intimidated by some of the information, but overall found the book to be extremely helpful, and I liked the author's sense of humor - it made the book seem more real and less "preach-y".What I would suggest is, if you are wholly new the concept of soap making, essential oils, fragrance oils, etc. - spend some time

learning about those before you pick up any book or try to make soap. This book is very helpful with personal anecdotes and side notes (ex: what EOs can make a batch of soap seize), but if you don't have at least a basic understanding, you'll be lost. However, I don't think this book would have been any better adding in the early stages, either. The only change I would make with this book would be to put the more "traditional" recipes at the beginning. Those that are single recipes instead of the "master batch" ones. While I understand that the single recipes may be more difficult individually, reading the section on the Master Batch method at the beginning left me confused as to what I should do. Overall, a great book and I'm really glad I bought it. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Like the Crazy Science Teacher from High School By TKD Jackie This book is small but packs a lot of punch. In many ways I found it to be like the crazy science teacher in school...you remember the one. He is always highly entertaining and helps you learn, but at the end of the day you actually need to put some extra effort in to research the topic more to make sure you fully understand. If the reader is careful to collect all of the items listed in the book, read the soap making instructions and then have the book open to the instructions page as you are making the soap as if you were baking a cake from scratch, the reader will have no problem making their first batch of soap. I had this book for about 8 months prior to attempting to make my soap mostly due to lack of time and lack of confidence in my ability to not burn myself from the lye. However, this book also provides extra support in that area too, as the author describes his own "first time" experience. Adding some tips and tricks about properly cutting soap from the author's experience could be helpful. I cut mine like an oddly shaped cake and then of course researched better ways on the internet. I didn't actually make any of soap exactly the way the author specified with ingredients, I was careful to note the amounts needed for a batch and then utilized the rest of the book's description on base oils, essential oils and additives to create my own unique soap. Alas, I never cook food exactly as the recipe entails either. There are not many other books out there about soap making and I found this one to be the most helpful out of the other two I had purchased. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. All of the recipes use the 'lye master batch' concept By Roseanne M. I bought this book looking for new recipes, and it does include many. But the whole book is based on the concept of making a 'master batch' of concentrated lye solutions. Then storing it, and using it later by adding more water. Since I don't make huge batches, and only make a few batches on the weekend, this method is not appealing to me. I often use liquids other than water (goat's milk, coco milk, beer) so this wouldn't really work for me. Also, since I have small children in my home, storing lye solution would concern me. But-- there are some interesting recipes which could still be used by inputting the oils/measurements into an online Lye Calculator to find the appropriate lye quantity. But this really wasn't what I was looking for. An interesting concept however.

With a no-nonsense approach and easy to follow directions, writer and professional soapmaker, Gregory White, shares his experience (and recipes) for creating all-vegetable, cold-process soaps. White takes the reader step by step through the process of making natural soaps for family, friends and for profit. Easy to understand and master. Includes tips on: time-saving shortcuts, natural scent selections and large production. Includes an essential oil guide. Includes a humorous chapter titled: Bubbles and Bull, A Saucy Look into the Life of a Soap Maker - telling stories of disastrous partnerships, comical customers and the perils of soap making chat forums.

About the Author Gregory Lee White was born in Owensboro, Kentucky in 1967. He began writing fiction at the age of nine and was published in various magazines by the age of fourteen. He works as a professional writer and soap maker in Nashville, Tennessee. He and his partner have run their natural soap company since 1998.