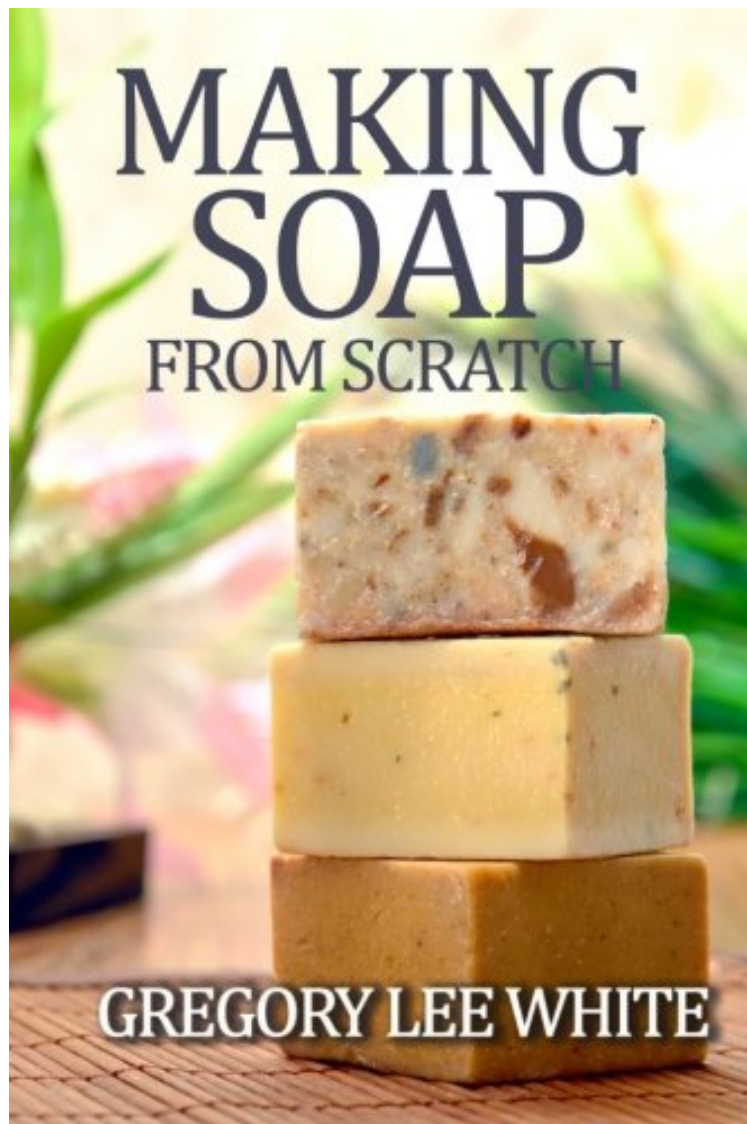


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Gregory Lee White : Making Soap From Scratch: How to Make Handmade Soap - A Beginners Guide and Beyond before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Soap From Scratch: How to Make Handmade Soap - A Beginners Guide and Beyond:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommended for the first timer or those interested in master batches
By Debra A. This is the first soap making book I bought and it was a great choice. Detailed, step by step instructions, wonderful recipes, and my first batch of twelve bars of soap are going to be wonderful. I just know it! The only question I had after reading the book and referring back to it while making soap was this: cleaning up afterwards!! I know, silly right? However, I did "burn" myself during the cleaning process. I should have kept my gloves on! I have now learned that the lye is still active after the fact! Luckily I did have the ACV (apple cider vinegar) ready as Mr. White advised and it does work very well to neutralize the lye and stop the burn. Whether you are new to soap making or experienced, I would recommend this book. It even has different batch sizes. I suppose one is the regular size for home use but the other is for big batches (with a lot of different recipes from a master batch), which will be in my future as I want to give gifts this holiday season. Thank you Mr. White! Great book. Oh... also loved the essential oil descriptions.
99 of 100 people found the following review helpful. Making Soap from Scratch
By James Making Soap from Scratch is a great book for the DIY soap maker. Every detail in the process of soap making is covered without being overwhelming. Small batch and bulk soap making are both thoroughly covered. I was very impressed with the chapter detailing the actual recipes. The recipes cover everything from the super luxurious to the more economical. Resources and suppliers are also listed to make gathering all the ingredients very easy. This book will be an invaluable reference tool in my personal soap making practice.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I think he provides good information about soap and soap making in general in ...
By Robin I think he provides good information about soap and soap making in general in the early part of the book and I learned a lot. I haven't tried very many of the recipes yet because I'm not really interested in most of them, but the ones I've tried have worked out well. In fact, we love the shampoo bar. My only wish is that Mr. White had included more information about using hot process for his recipes. I don't use cold process because, quite frankly, I don't have the space to leave my soap out to cure for the amount of time required, and since we only use it for ourselves, I don't really care if it looks more translucent, etc. I just want good soap made of quality ingredients for our own use, and so far I feel that's what he provides.

With a no-nonsense approach and easy to follow directions, professional soap maker, Gregory White, shares his experience (and recipes) for creating 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. This second edition includes extended directions for first time soap makers, new recipes, how to make soap in small and large batches and a guide to using essential oils. Includes tips and advice for how to cut and cure soap, how to sell your soaps, packaging and labeling, and how to set up at a craft fair or market. Over 45 soap recipes from luxurious to economical.

From the Author
Authors Note: Regarding the first edition of this book, I listened closely to all of the reviews I read here and also the feedback directly from readers. From their comments, I included all the things that readers/reviewers felt were missing from the first edition: more instructions on STANDARD soap making, more recipes for standard soap making, how to swirl colors in soap, how to sell soap, how to cut and cure soap, how to set up a booth at a craft fair or market. The original "Bubbles and Bull" section where I described past business relations that went south has been greatly edited to only two stories, leaving more room for soap talk and soap recipes. The second edition also includes a section for those who want a few recipes using animal fats.
CONTENTS: -All about Soap (the history of soap of how it transformed through the years) -Types of Soap (cold process, hot process, liquid soap, soap balls) -Soap Making Terms and Equipment (all the necessary soap making lingo and the supplies you need to get started) -The Oils in Soap Making (the variety of soap making oils and their properties) -Saponification Chart (the math behind creating soap recipes) -Standard Soap Making Instructions (how to make cold processed soap) -Standard Soap Recipes (a variety of soap recipes for specialty, luxury, and everyday use) -Animal Fat Recipes (a few recipes for those who like lard or beef tallow soap) -Master Batch Soap Making Instructions (how to pre-melt large batches of oils to make large quantities of soap) -Master Batch Soap recipes (more soap making recipes that can be re-sized for single batches) -An Overview of Essential Oils (the basic properties of some of the most widely used essential oils) -Selling, Packaging, and Labeling (how to get your soap ready for sale) -Tales of Running a Soap business (funny stories and practical advice from an experienced soap maker) -Resources and Suppliers (where to find all the ingredients soap makers use)
FROM THE PREFACE: My own interest in body care products came when I worked as the assistant manager for the well-known skin care company, Garden Botanika. Around the same time, I saw the Sandra Bullock movie, Practical Magic (based on the book by Alice Hoffman), and fell in love with the look and feel of her little bath and botanical shop. When Garden Botanika down-sized and closed their locations in the Southern states, the interest in skincare stayed with me. Research took me down a slightly different path as I learned more and more about natural skincare versus the mass-produced selections found in so many stores today. So the urge hit me again and I decided to reread the books I had purchased about soap making to figure out where I had gone wrong. That was back in 1999. Today, our soap company, aromagregory, produces thousands of pounds of soap each year, all made using original recipes that either my partner or I created. This is the journey I will take you on - the beginning process of making good soap

that is great for your skin. Once you get started and get the hang of it, beware. With so many scents and ingredients to choose from, it can become an addiction. The guest room may become the soap factory. Your friends will wish you would just stop talking about soap! The ledge of our bath tub looks like a cemetery; where rows and rows of soap line up side by side, waiting to see which one will strike our fancy for a quick morning shower or a relaxing bath at night. In the first part of the book, I will explain how to make soap the regular way, by pulling out your ingredients, weighing and melting your oils, etc. This method is a good way of making small batches of soap just for friends and family. Also, the recipes include a wider variety of ingredients and let you experiment with different carrier oils. The second part of the book focuses on what is called master-batch soap making. This is when you pre-mix all of your carrier oils (olive, coconut, canola, etc.) and let them sit at room temperature until it is time to make soap. This method is good for making a lot of soap in a short amount of time and will focus on recipes that include just a few good carrier oils. Are you ready to begin? There is no turning back once you get the feel for this creative and rewarding form of art. Thanks so much, Author Gregory Lee White

BOOK CORRECTIONS UPDATE - the below corrections are for copies purchased prior to 12-03-2013. Editions after this date have correct recipe amounts and all general book typos have been corrected.

Hemp Soap Recipe - lye amount is missing from recipe. The correct amount is 6.1 ounces.

Goats Milk Ylang-Ylang soap - the correct amount of essential oils used in recipe should be: 2 ounces of ylang-ylang and 1 ounce of patchouli

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