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Soap Making Guide With Recipes: DIY Homemade Soapmaking Made Easy



Synopsis

This boxed set goes over everything you need to make soap at home including lots of soap recipes.

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Customer Reviews

Recently I began to be interested in making soap. The children keep goats at their grandmother's house and I was thinking it might be interesting to attempt goat's milk soap. This is a boxed set of 3 books concerning the hobby and/or business of making soap. It gives a fairly comprehensive explanation of the various processes, and does a good job reinforcing the dangers of working with lye. The 1st and 3rd books struck me as fairly well written, however book 2 could have benefited from an editor. It gave the impression that the author's first language was not English, and it stated repeatedly what a great hobby soap-making can be, as if trying to persuade the reader to attempt it, rather than instruct. The effect of reading all 3 books in one sitting (which only took an hour), was that many bits of information repeated. After the first dire warning about lye, for example, I found my eyes skimming further sections regarding it. However, both books 1 and 2 included recipes for soap, which was my main interest in the download. I tried one recipe from the book before coming back to make my review. Because I'm a beginner, and it warned

several times about the dangers, I chose a recipe that used a glycerin soap base rather than a fully homemade recipe that required lye. It seemed the safest way to begin. I made the small, one-use blue sugar scrub soap from book 2, because I had most of the ingredients on hand. For a scent I couldn't find the recommended raspberry, but I enjoy honey-almond, so I went with that. I used an old ice cube tray to set the soap. The actual process was quite easy, and the instructions were simple to follow, which I appreciated. I let the soap harden for about 2 hours.

Upon reading this box set of three different books, I found myself in book 1, viewing a very basic explanation of soap making with no mention to the proper handling of lye and how to mix lye into water and not the other way around. I am not a maker of soap but as a hairdresser I have the knowledge of the damage lye can be on skin. This first book also fails to disclose proper cleansing methods should contact occur on skin. The importance of flushing with an agent that will combat the chemical burn, which is not water is an important piece of information to share. Failing to highlight and put this info in the forefront of advices causes me much concern for the person who starts practicing without going further than this book. I also found it extremely repetitive. Using the exact same word, sentence & paragraph verbatim. Barely able to complete the first book, I had to step away from the read and focus myself as it was akin to nails across a chalkboard for me. After a respite I came back the next day and was able to get through the second and third book in a much faster time frame. Relieved of my irritation of not seeing an explicit warning on the possible dangers of chemical burns. I found the second book to have many errors, grammatical and spelling. It did however mention the warning on lye. But, I found that their explanation was to flush with water for 15 minutes if contact occurs, again another incorrect or lacking health advisory. The use of water on a chemical burn only exacerbates the issue, the need for an agent that negates the chemical causing the burn is again devoid in this book.

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