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## Making Transparent Soap: The Art Of Crafting, Molding, Scenting & Coloring



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Failor's easy-to-follow photographic guidelines are accompanied by proven recipes and a lot of suggestions for colorful and sweet-smelling variants. With basic ingredients and standard kitchen tools it is possible to craft your own transparent soaps which are milder, richer, and creamier than any commercial product. Eschewing complex methods and expensive gear, Catherine Failor uses a simple, dependable process that makes beautiful transparent soaps each and every time. You'll soon be creating your own signature soap blends that deliver refreshing scents and are gentle enough for even the most sensitive skin.



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)In the preface she writes that people see what is not generally there - and she actually is dead on - no-one had written a digestible transparent soap book that I know. Overall, it's a good guide book. The instructions are simple and easy to follow and the various substances used are explained perfectly. I had made soap often before I bought this publication and I utilized to use the cold-process method. Wonderful Details and Instructions This is a very good, instructive book with lots of good points. After it's cured, if it is stored for any length of time it shrinks and so it doesn't look nearly as good after that. Also, the cold-process soaps I produced tended to be somewhat soft and would be used up rather quickly. All of those complications disappeared with the soaps made from this book's recipes. This makes it very easy to mold well (no tapping out air pockets) but your molds must be water-tight. After experimenting with several kinds of alcohol, I settled on using EverClear. It smells good in the soap, and doesn't dry your skin, contrary to what one might think. The EverClear costs more than the cheapest vodka, but the results are significantly better. When I went to the Chemical shop (it's in the town where I live) to get the scents and bulk supplies, the chemist said that clear soap can't be made at home because it had to be prepared under great pressure and that it could consider a genius to figure out how to do it. He wished to sell me the melt-and-pour soap base, and I experienced like he'd challenged me, so I went home and produced transparent soap with this recipe and it turned out great. Yes, the soap is certainly cooked under pressure, but all it requires is following the instructions in the publication in which a sheet of plastic material is bunged over the soap-producing pot and that pot is positioned inside a larger pot of boiling drinking water. Fiddled with it per her troubleshooting for a few hours. If you are interested in the science behind soap and carrying out more with soap, this is an excellent book. The recipes demand alcohol. Regular soap molds work very well, but home-made loaf-type molds need to be lined therefore they don't really leak. My sister gets the first book I bought and won't provide it back, therefore I am buying a different one. Four Stars Very good, Five Stars I am new to make soap best for learning. Still not yet determined.. I think this book won't help too many beginning/novice soap makers. The process is only somewhat more difficult than cold process soap making, and just how it's explained, it isn't very intimidating. Appears like every book I have purchased upon this subject so. Nevertheless, my main complaint (and just why it isn't the very best for newbies) is that all the recipes make commercial-size batches of soap (author mentions that dishes make 50-60 "typical sized" bars of soap). Good information I found this book to end up being informative and useful for general details and recipe concepts. Wasn't clear. However, after I have made transparent soap by Catherine's Failor quality recipes I have got perfect transparent soap at the first try with good soap qualities. Don't know why. Just more actions, and more ingredients... Seems like every book I've purchased upon this subject so far - and there have been a few - are covering some factors, but not most. The "Failor" process of producing transparent soap as explained in this publication seems unnecessarily complicated. Transparent Soap Well researched using the "hot process" method of soap preparation. I purchased this book several years ago and it is the best soap-making book There is. There are easier ways that work equally well. Many useful pointers to achieve transparent soap. Semi-technical material written in a fashion that may be mastered by way of a non specialized reader. Underlying explanations are created in a way, that produce me suspect the writer is self trained in organic chemistry. Pretty impressive for that. Could have been nice to get more hard-primary organic explanations, but I realize you'll lose more than a few readers that way. (dipole moment and solvent behavior, the framework/property relationship of fatty acids - etc. Greatest soap-making book on the market. Leaves the field wide open for more books IMHO. I love this book I love this book. This is

great when you're making soap to market or want to do a whole lot for holiday presents, but for your first time making transparent soap it could lead to plenty of wasted ingredients (if you miss or mess up a step). In the event that you just want a cook book to check out, it probably isn't the best publication for you. This book actually goes through the differences between cool process soap making and warm process. It can have the recipes in it, however the method is even more intense than cold-process. In case you are expecting a better way, most likely keep looking. This is actually the hot-process and the soap is very thin when it's prepared to be poured in to the molds. My soap was good, but it takes several weeks for cold-procedure soap to complete it's chemical response. We haven't made the transparent soap however (wondering if the work is worth the product) but if/when we do, this would be the publication we use!! concur that methods not including high grain alcohol would help those folks living in oppressive regimes. Highly recommend it to beginners. Quality recipes are easy. If you need to make a transparent soap and are looking for a useful reassures, buy this publication. I have tried different dishes, and all my attempts was not successful. Otherwise I think the book is easy to read and the directions appear an easy task to follow. Very, very helpful. Love It! Great step by step book for DIY people Not absolutely all that helpful There's some useful information here, but the book is missing the principles. I gather she has some recipes for batches 40-50 pubs of soap, but says they do not scale well. I attempted scaling recipe 1 for 4 bars.For long term editions, Let me discover at least one newbie recipe that makes just 1-2 pounds of soap with this process, to familiarize readers with it on a smaller scale with less risk. After cooking food for a time, the soap is usually poured into molds and is preparing to use as soon as it cools and hardens.. The writer also gives good advice on buying your elements to avoid spending more money than necessary, especially for the alcohol needed as a solvent in the afterwards steps (hint: if you purchase it from the liquor shop, you'll likely overpay). Great if you're likely to make a huge amount of soap to begin with. Five Stars great book Five Stars I LOVE THIS BOOK!



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