

LITTLE CABIN CRAFTS

Fine Handcrafted Soaps



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Recommended Soapmaking Books:

- The Soapmaker's Companion, by Susan Miller Cavitch, 1997. This book contains everything you need to know to make soap. I'm still using the same Basic Recipe from this book that I used for my first batch of soap. It was recommended to me as the bible of soapmaking.
- The Everything Soapmaking Book, by Alicia Grosso, 2007. This book contains a lot of information about the history of soapmaking, the process and recipes, scents, additives, and colorants. This book has the most extensive list of resources such as suppliers, web sites and further reading.
- Soapmaking for Fun and Profit, by Maria Given Nerius, 1999. I've used this book to learn more about how to use scents, additives and colorants. It also has an extensive list of resources.
- Making Natural Liquid Soaps, by Catherine Failor, 2000. This book contains information on making liquid soaps and shampoos. There are recipes for making doggy shampoos, same recipe as people shampoos but scented for dogs. Citronella essential oil is used in several recipes as a natural flea and tick repellent.
- The Essential Oils Book, by Colleen K. Dodt, 1996. This book describes the characteristics of many essential oils and their uses in soapmaking and aromatherapy.
- Milk-Based Soaps, by Casey Makela, 1997. This book contains instructions and recipes on making milk-based soaps.

Recommended web sites:

- www.wholesalesuppliesplus.com -- large selection of soapmaking supplies
- www.brambleberry.com – another large selection of soapmaking supplies
- www.lehmans.com – supplier I use for sodium hydroxide; lots of cool stuff other than soap supplies
- www.millersoap.com – lots of interesting information on soapmaking
- www.teachsoap.com – more information on soapmaking

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