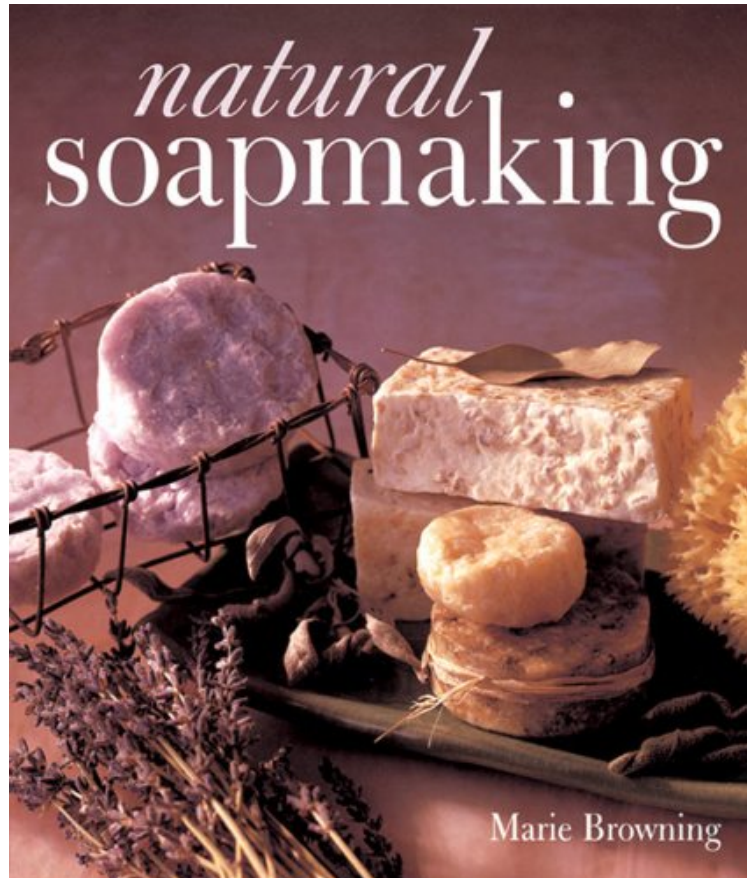


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**Marie Browning : Natural Soapmaking** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Natural Soapmaking:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Should be titled--- HOW TO MELT PRE-MADE STORE BOUGHT SOAP! Big disappointment!!!By SooZeeQIf you want to pretend to be a soap maker, it's the book for you. You can pretend to make soap by simply grating premade soap, adding stuff to it, melting it and pouring it into a mold. That's it. No REAL soapmaking. Book has stupid, false title. Imagine buying a book on how to make chocolate, and it tells you to buy PREMADE chocolate, melt it, mold it, and pretend you made it. Complete waste of money, but at least I bought it used...(I received book quickly, so my review is on the book, not the seller...)2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fabulously Natural SoapmakingBy Arlena FlandersI have to disagree with the previous reviewer about this book. I totally agree that it is definitely not a book for Soapmakers who use Hot or Cold Process Soapmaking like I originally wanted, but it was certainly very helpful. Her tips for making Hand-Milled Soap from store-bought soap was excellent. I currently live in the Caribbean where you can't find anything quite easy. I found a Hypo-Allergenic Soap Bar called Pure Natural that was perfect. Matter of fact, I made one of her recipes yesterday using a PVC Mold, and it came out beautifully. As far as using Petroleum Jelly to release the Soap from the mold, it

worked like a charm, just like she indicated in her book. There are a lot of recipes in this book that can be used in regular soapmaking. I also love the idea that the book also has recipes and teaches you how to make Bath Massage Oils, Solid Massage Oils, Bath Salts Fizzies, as well as packaging and decorating your handmade items. Thumbs up for Marie. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Veronica Hughes I really liked it helpful book a fun project and plan to make some homemade soap in the future

Soap is...one of the better crafts to consider as gifts...supplies directions for more than 20 different kinds of hand-milled soap, an easier process than starting from lye...instructions extend to bath oils and salts and to packaging, labeling, and creating a munificence of fragrance. Step-by-step descriptions are boldly illustrated with color photographs. Who could resist all-natural camomile oatmeal soap or effervescent all-natural champagne bubble bath? Booklist.

.com Making your own fragrant, softly tinted soaps--as well as bath salts, massage oils, and facial scrubs--is not only much less costly than buying them ready-made, it's also remarkably easy with the recipes in this book. The secret behind these simple but satisfying hand-milled soaps is to begin with purchased bars of plain white soap, rather than cooking up your own soap base from scratch. (This is not cheating, the author points out, but more like how you can consider soup homemade even if you didn't make the stock yourself.) The basic process is extremely straightforward; adding various oils, fragrances, colorants, and botanicals yields dozens of interesting variations. Also appealing are the extensive ideas for labeling and packaging your products and combining them in themed gift presentations. But you may have a hard time giving some of these away, since you'll be tempted to draw a relaxing bath and enjoy them yourself. --Amy Handy