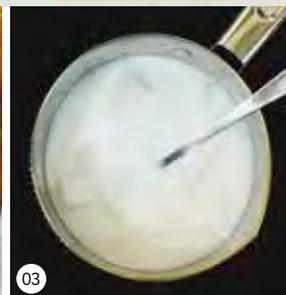


MELT & POUR SOAPS



EQUIPMENT

- A large, heat-resistant measuring jug, 1l
- Kitchen scales
- Microwave or hob
- A sharp knife
- A spoon for mixing the base
- Soap-making mould
- Melt and pour soap base
- Your choice of fragrance or essential oils
- Soap-making dye

These pretty miniature soaps make a thoughtful gift for friends – make a selection in a variety of colours and put them in little cellophane bags tied with ribbon. They make great wedding favours or bridesmaid gifts too!

01 Your first step is to calculate how much soap is needed to load your moulds. A simple way to do this is to fill the mould with water while it's on the scales to gauge the weight, before measuring out the corresponding base. Always use a little more base than required, as

some of the liquid will collect on the side of your jug during mixing.

02 Weigh out the appropriate amount of soap and cut the solid base into small chunks for quicker melting. Transfer to a heat-resistant glass measuring jug.

03 Liquify your soap base in a microwave in short 30-second bursts, warm the base on a cooker hob on a low heat until it's completely melted.

04 Now it's time to get out your mixing spoon. Slowly stir the mixture until smooth, while being careful to avoid touching the piping-hot liquid.

05 Inject some colour using your preferred dyes – we recommend using a colour wheel to achieve your perfect custom hue. You can also give your soaps a signature scent by adding fragrance or essential oils at approximately a 2% ratio to the base.

06 Pour the soap steadily into the

mould while it's still hot to avoid it solidifying early. Place in the refrigerator and allow the mixture to completely harden before removing it from the mould. Simply pop out the soap from its container, revealing the perfect birthday gift or wedding favour.

Tip: Make sure you wash all equipment by hand rather than in the dishwasher. The excess soap stuck to your equipment can create too many suds and may cause your dishwasher to leak.

Established in back in 2000 as a small, family-run soap supplier, The Soap Kitchen are one of the leading handmade soap manufacturers and ingredients stockists. You'll find all you need to make your own soaps, toiletries and candles on their website, including fragrances, colours (including glitter!) and moulds. www.thesoapkitchen.co.uk



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