

# Bath time GIFT SET

THE PERFECT TREAT FOR A RELAXING EVENING

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for beginners

Give the gift of a soak in the bath with fabric soap holders, an embroidered drawstring pouch and a patterned flannel. Floral scents and delights ooze from this aqua and purple bath set, which is easy to make and uses pretty remnants. If you're looking to experiment with different colours and try your hand at embroidery, this is the perfect little project.



## ESSENTIAL KIT

Soap bars, The Soap Kitchen Bath salts, The Soap Kitchen Cotton fabric scraps, patterned Quilt wadding, 2oz Embroidery thread, coloured Embroidery frame Cotton facecloth

## FACECLOTH

1 Cut a strip of cotton 1cm wider than the facecloth x 5cm. Pin the fabric face down on the flannel with one edge slightly overlapping any woven detailing. Fold in the short ends to line up with the hem and stitch along the edge using a 5mm seam allowance.

2 Turn the fabric over the seam so it lies right side up. Tuck under 5mm on the long raw edge and pin down. Top-stitch 2mm from the folded edges around the entire fabric panel.

## SALT BAG

1 Cut a shape, 12cm x 20cm, from plain cotton and fit the centre into a small embroidery frame. Sketch a floral design with a chalk pencil. Use three strands of embroidery thread to back-stitch the design,

adding details with individual long and short strokes.

2 Press the panel and sew a 5cm wide strip of patterned material along the bottom edge, folding out and top-stitching to neaten. With right sides together, sew down the back seam, leaving a 2cm gap.

3 Fold and press the raw edges at the top of the seam, then turn and pin a 1cm wide double hem at the opening of the bag. Top-stitch to make a channel and flatten the pouch so the back seam is central, then sew along the bottom edge.

4 Flatten the sides against the base at the corners of the bag to make a point. Stitch

across the point to make a flat bottom. Turn the pouch right sides out and thread satin ribbon through the channel to make a drawstring.

## SOAP TRAY

1 Measure the soap; we used a 2cm (depth) x 4.5cm (width) x 7.5cm (length) bar. Cut two pieces of fabric and another from wadding measuring 10cm [width + (2 x depth) + 1.5cm seam allowance] x 14cm [width + (2 x depth) + 1.5cm seam allowance].

2 Place the fabrics right sides together over the wadding and stitch around the edges using a 5mm seam allowance, leaving a 5cm gap in the centre of one side.

3 Turn the sandwich right sides out and press lightly. Fold in the raw edges of the gap and top-stitch 1mm in from the edges around the whole rectangle.

4 Stitch a second rectangle 2cm in from the edges to create the base of the tray. Pinch adjacent sides together at the corners, with the predominant fabric right side out, then sew straight down from the top edge of the tray to the corner of the stitched bottom.

5 Press in the resulting 'ears' at the corners, flatten against the sides and secure with a few small stitches to finish.

## SHOPPING BASKET



Once you've made your fabric containers, pop over to The Soap Kitchen to pick up some fragrant treats. We love the natural hand made soap bars and bath crystals. Choose from a range of fruity, energising and claming scents, available from £3.99. [thesoapkitchen.co.uk](http://thesoapkitchen.co.uk)

