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SQUEAKY CLEAN

Luxe-up their cleansing routine and impress them with your soap-making skills via Sof McVeigh's gold bar recipe



HOW TO MAKE... GEOMETRIC SOAP

MATERIALS

- Clear melt and pour soap base*
 - Liquid colours for soap
 - Powder gold colours*
 - Soap moulds*
 - Fragrance oil
 - Small bowl
 - Alcohol and a small brush or spray bottle
 - Knife and chopping board
 - Metal spoon
- (*All from The Soap Kitchen, www.thesoapkitchen.co.uk)

If you're new to soap-making it's worth checking out the Soap Kitchen's tips and know-how at www.thesoapkitchen.co.uk where you'll find all sorts of ideas and inspiration on your route to become a soap star.

- 01 Chop about 50g of soap base into **small ice cube size chunks**, so it's easy to melt.
- 02 Put into a small microwaveable bowl and **heat in a microwave** for 10 to 20 seconds until it's fully melted (keep a close eye on it – you don't want to overheat your soap base).
- 03 Add ½ teaspoon of **gold powder** and stir well.
- 04 Pour into a mould until it's just half

way full then **leave to harden** about 10 minutes.

- 05 To make the soap with the gold corner, carefully **cut out the section** you do not want and remove it from the mould. If you want striped soap, leave as it is.
- 06 Carefully **spray a tiny amount of alcohol** onto the gold soap in the mould or use a small brush – this helps stop the layers from merging.
- 07 Repeat steps 1 and 2 again, but add **liquid colour** instead of gold. Add a few drops of your preferred fragrance or essential oil and stir.
- 08 Make sure it's not too hot, then **pour over** the gold.
- 09 Leave to **dry and harden**.



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