



• MAKE A SET OF •

# Citrus soaps

*Grab a kit from The Soap Kitchen to make Corinne Bradd's toiletries from scratch*

We love kicking back in the tub and enjoying a long soak and we've got something for you this month that'll make the experience all the more pleasing – handmade soaps. They're so simple to create and smell absolutely divine. Once made, you can keep them for yourself or offer them as gift, which is why we've shared some packaging ideas we hope you'll love. All you need is some secondhand glassware, paper and a few decorative gems.



neatly and trimming the ends. Cut a few heart shapes from yellow card and glue to the sides of the base and bar. Use similar techniques to make a coral version, creating the colour with red and a touch of yellow.



## YOU'LL NEED:

Pure and Natural melt and pour soap making kit, from [thesoapkitchen.co.uk](http://thesoapkitchen.co.uk)

Glass jug

Microwave or bain marie

Coloured paper

Vellum

Chipboard

Die-cutting machine and dies

Adhesives



## TO MAKE THE SOAP

**1** With a kitchen knife, cut a slab of solid soap from the bar and dice into chunks. Cut a little more than you think will fit your chosen mould. Place the chunks in a glass jug and heat

in the microwave for 10 seconds at a time until the soap has melted. If using a bain marie, stir regularly until completely liquid.

**2** Add a little colouring to the liquid soap. Be aware that the colour can be very concentrated. For a subtle shade, drop some colour onto a teaspoon first and add to the soap with a cocktail stick, stirring well to distribute the dye evenly. Next, stir in a few drops of scent.

**3** Place the clean mould on a flat surface where it can stay undisturbed for around half an hour. Pour the liquid soap into the mould to the very top and leave well alone until the soap has re-solidified. Place the mould in the fridge for half an hour before pushing the bar of soap out to ensure it's completely hard.

## GREEN GIFT SET

**1** Melt both clear and white soap bases, colour them light green and add your chosen scent. Pour

into rectangular soap moulds and leave to set. Press out of the mould and wrap tightly with cling film.

**2** Line an old glass dressing table tray with lime green paper. Die-cut or hand cut leafy stems from apple green paper and fix these to either edge of the tray. Place the bars of soaps on top, securing with glue dots.

**3** Cut a white flower shape and curl up the petals. Layer together and decorate the centre with flat-backed gemstones. Fix the flower to the top of one bar with a glue dot.

## CARD-BACKED SOAPS

**1** Make a pale yellow, rectangular bar of soap and wrap in cling film. Cut a piece of 2mm thick chipboard, 5.5cm x 10cm, and cover with spotty paper on both sides. Fix the bar to the centre with glue dots.

**2** Wrap gold and white bakers twine around the soap and base twice before knotting together



Corinne Bradd's maker tips...

- Add the scent last, as the hot liquid will make the scent evaporate away and it's best to let it cool slightly.
- Wrap newly made bars of soap in cling film to avoid a build up of moisture droplets on the surface.
- Melted too much soap? Pour the excess into a silicon cupcake case and save to remelt later.
- Cleaning up couldn't be easier – simply wash your utensils in hot water!
- Trawl through charity shops to find unusual containers for your handmade soaps.

OPT FOR A **SIMPLER STYLE** BY PLACING  
SOAPS ONTO GLASS DISHES AND  
**EMBELLISHING LIGHTLY** WITH PAPER  
AND FLAT-BACKED GEMSTONES

