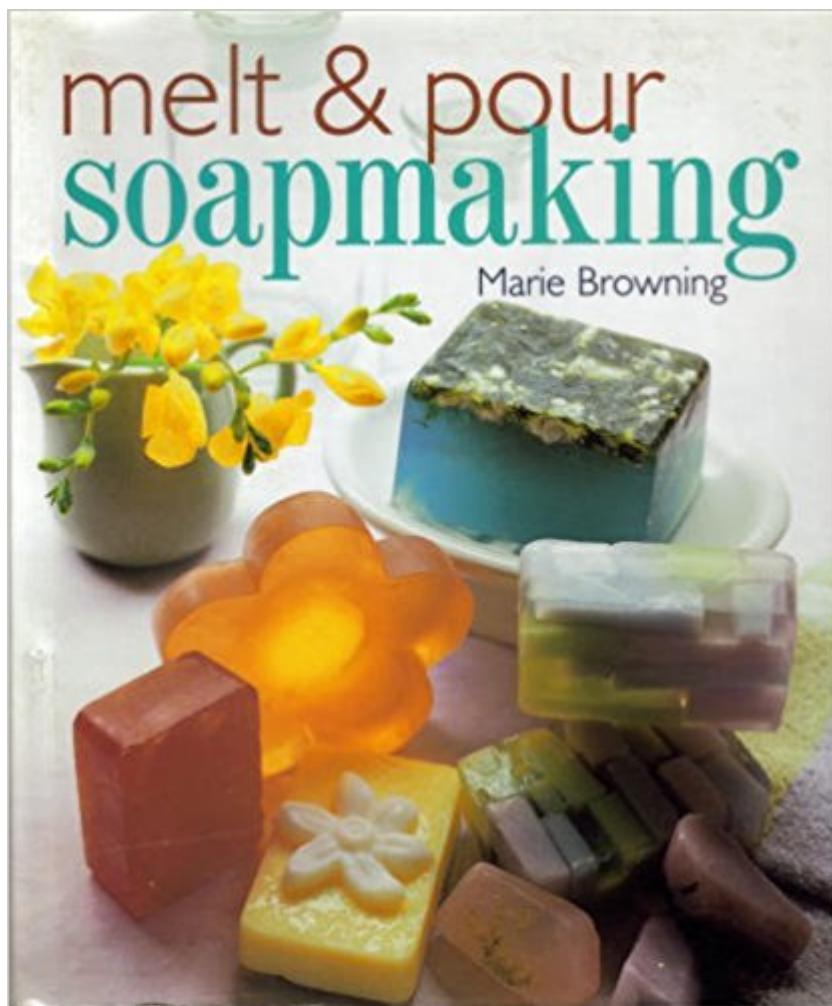


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# Melt & Pour Soapmaking



## **Synopsis**

Soaps fragrant with oils or spices, fizzing up the bath, or molded into perfect petals to place in a pretty jar beside the sink. Ones with guardian angels or good luck coins tucked inside. A virtual cornucopia of beautiful soaps will delight your senses with their scents, shapes, and feel. (Of course, they'll get you clean too, oh so gently, but they're almost too attractive to use up!) And, these soaps are easy to make, out of the kindest, chemical-free ingredients. Just take a commercially available glycerine or coconut-oil base, cut it up, and melt in a microwave or double boiler. Pour the liquid into molds to set--and let the real fun begin. Your imagination will go wild with possibilities as you check out different types of aromatic and essential oil (with tips on blending); additives such as almond or beeswax, colorants; and molds for hexagons, delicate shells, and more. Plus: information on hand milling! A Selection of the Crafters Choice Book Club.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Extremely thorough and beautifully designed, *Melt & Pour Soapmaking* features dozens of luscious soap projects, with directions explicit enough for the novice and ideas sophisticated enough for the practiced soap maker. Accomplished craft designer Marie Browning (author of *Beautiful Handmade Natural Soaps*) explores a wide variety of technique variations, from chunk style and layered to additives, embeds, embossing, and hand milling. Slice a marbled soap at angles for the look of rock crystal; make delicate petal slivers using a silk rose petal as a mold; blend fragrance oils to yield the scent of sea mist or the power of Zen spice. Besides all the tempting bars, balls, and molded

shapes, there are recipes for bath salts, massage oils, sachets, potpourris, and dusting powder. Pamper yourself with these indulgent creations, or if you can bear to give some away, follow the lovely packaging ideas or assemble gift-giving collections of related items. --Amy Handy

With the rise of interest in aromatherapy and natural fragrances, homemade soap has increased in popularity. Herbs and essential oils play a large part in the finished products in both of these books, whose authors have written other books on soapmaking. Browning's melt-and-pour projects use commercially available soap bases that can be melted in a microwave or double boiler and scented and molded to suit the maker's taste. Her recipes include bath salts and oils as well as soaps. Maine has a natural soap business and makes everything from scratch. She offers instructions and formulas for all types of soap, including bath soap, shampoo, pet soaps, and even poison ivy remedies. Both books are recommended for public libraries. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I own probably 20 soap making books, but I don't think any of them has inspired me more than this one. Beautifully illustrated. Nothing is more frustrating than soap books full of recipes with nothing to show you what your finished product is supposed to look like. Thank-you Marie for writing such a comprehensive, easy to follow book on soap making.

I haven't actually tried making any of the soaps or other bath products yet but the recipes look fairly easy to follow and I'm looking forward to trying them. I'm new to soapmaking and I wanted a book to get a basic idea of the ingredients and how to mix them together. in addition to the soap, bubble bath, bath salts, and massage oil recipes this book gives tips and information about materials and additives. The pictures are a good inspiration for packaging ideas too.

Awesome book with some great and original ideas! Glad I got it!

More elaborate soaps than I want to make. A bit above me.

love the recipes and ideas

This book is alright. However, with so much information available online in written and video formats, I believe that a book needs to deliver something extraordinary. The information in this book

was good, but there wasn't much that I could not have gotten elsewhere for free.

It's a good book. It didn't give me much info that I didn't already know but.. If you were JUST starting out, it would be helpful. I've been soaping for a year now and found it to be just more basic info.

Very overwhelming and I keep going back and forth. I guess I was looking for something more list like to recommend what fragrances to mix together. Would be nice to know supplier of some or the fragrances the author uses to be more helpful.

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