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Melt and Pour Soap Instructions

- Your choice of [Melt and Pour Soap Base](#) (Goat's Milk Soap comes in Kit)
- Pyrex Glass container
- Scale
- Cutting Board
- Fragrance Oil
- Measuring Spoons
- Skin Safe Dye
- Wooden Craft Sticks or Wisk
- Soap Cutter
- Rubbing Alcohol in Spray Bottle
- Fragrance oil that is skin safe (comes in kit)
- Rubber Spatulas
- Paper Towels and Plastic wrap for covering container when melting soap
- Soap Mold (comes in kit)
 - Place the Pyrex container onto the scale and zero out the weight.
 - Cut the melt and pour soap base into small chunks and place them into the container until you've got the amount that your mold will hold.
 - *Make sure that your knife, container and cutting board are clean and free of any dirt. I wipe everything down with alcohol.*
 - Cover the container with Saran Wrap. This will help keep the moisture in

- Heat the soap in the microwave, starting with just 40 seconds at a time. Remove the soap and stir with wooden craft stick. (It will be thick and chunky.) Repeat heating the soap base a minute or so at a time until all the chunks are gone, and the soap is completely melted.
- Be careful, most soap bases will be about 150 degrees when completely melted.
- Depending on which soap base you're working with it can take up to four minutes to melt Two pounds of soap as microwaves may vary.
- If you prefer not to use a microwave, the soap base can be melted in a double boiler.
- Weight out your fragrance oil, good starting place is 1/4 ounce of fragrance per pound of soap. You can go up or down from there if you're using a light or strong fragrance oil. Adding too much may irritate the skin.
- Once you've weighed your fragrance and removed the soap from the microwave, slowly add the fragrance to the melted soap base and gently stir.
- If you want to add some color to your soap, (you don't have to, it's purely aesthetic,) make sure you use **soap/skin-safe** dyes, micas or natural colorants. You can start at 1/4 tsp and go up from there. If you add too much it may discolor skin. (always test and chart your results)
- Gently stir the melted soap to completely incorporate the fragrance and completely blend the color.
- Slowly pour the soap into the mold. If you do get bubbles, a light spritz of rubbing alcohol from a spray bottle gets rid of them.
- You're done for now! Carefully move the mold to a safe place (or just leave it where it is and cover it with some Saran Wrap) and start cleaning up.
- The soap should be hard enough to unmold in a few hours. You can hurry this along by putting the mold in the refrigerator
- It will take several hours on the counter or approximately an hour in the refrigerator for the soap to completely cool and harden.
- Just like any recipe you work on your should chart your results. How many drops of color did you use? How much fragrance did you use? Did you have any soap base left over?

- Did the fragrance seem strong enough? Etc. These notes will help you duplicate the results next time, or remember not to repeat mistakes you made this time.
- When the soap is completely hardened, you should be able to pop the bars out of the mold. Some molds will release easily; some will be more difficult. Tapping the mold firmly with the palm of your hand or a large spoon sometimes helps.
- For a really persistent bar, you can turn the mold over and run hot water over the back of it. The soap should fall easily out of the mold.
- You can rub off or trim off any imperfections with a cloth or small knife.
- Since the melt and pour soap base is already cured, there's no waiting. You can use your soap right away! That's the great thing about using melt and pour, using it right away! Enjoy

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