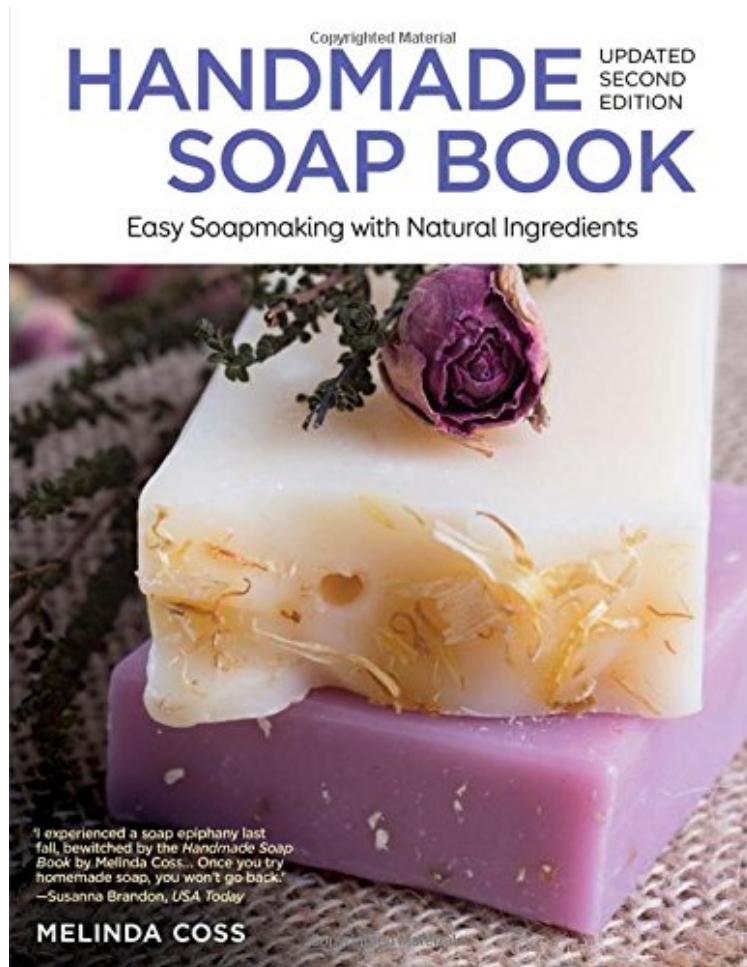


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. There are some beautiful photos of soap however sometimes attempts were made with ...By Private BuyerI am an experienced soapmaker and got this book for new recipe ideas. There are some beautiful photos of soap however sometimes attempts were made with photographs to make them so artistic (lighting from underneath, soap buried in dried rosebuds) as to not actually allow you to see what the soap looked like. A lot of the photos show dry, crumbly soap which in some cases can mean it was lye heavy. There are some good recipe ideas although I have never considered shortening to be a "natural" soap ingredient nor do I ever consider synthetic fragrance oils to come under the realm of "natural" nor do I consider food dyes to be so. The cucumber soap recipe calls for a preservative but I have never found that necessary in my vegetable or fruit soaps.

Tallow is used several times (called "drippings" since the author is from Wales) which in the United States isn't nearly as readily available although i was able to order some online.

In a world filled with pollution and chemicals, this book shows you how to create your own soaps and bathtime luxuries using only natural ingredients and very little specialist equipment. Create the perfect gift for family and friends, kids and grown-ups. This book features a huge range of exotic and tempting ingredients, such as peach, peppermint, ylang ylang, cinnamon and chocolate, and includes recipes for shampoo bars, body splashes and bath creams. The simple, sumptuous and easy-to-follow recipes and luscious photography will tempt and inspire all.

About the Author Melinda Coss runs The Handmade Soap Company in West Wales. Her soaps are sold at the exclusive L'Atelier du Savon in the Marais district of Paris and she also supplies some of the most prestigious hotels and stores in London. A regular contributor to magazines, she has also appeared on television and is the author of a wide range of craft books including the forthcoming *Gourmet Soap Made Easy*, also published by New Holland.