

Melt and Pour Pure Glycerine Soap



Basic Instructions

There are six simple steps to working with melt and pour soaps:

1) Melt the soap in a double boiler. *Keep the double boiler covered to avoid losing moisture from your soap.* Bulk soap generally has a 12-13% moisture content. During the process of melting this moisture will evaporate if the double boiler is not kept covered. Loss of moisture will cause your soap to become flaky or waxy.

Tip: To avoid excess bubbling in your soap, ***do not stir vigorously***, stir gently periodically during the melting process.

2) Add Color. **Natural Coloring Nuggets** can be melted in to your soap in the double boiler. Approximately one ounce per pound of soap. For darker soap add more, for lighter soap, add less. Food coloring from the grocery store can also be added, as well as powders such as turmeric (for a yellow color) or paprika (for a pink color).

Tip: When adding powdered colorings, do not mix it directly into your soap. Pour a small amount of your melted soap into a separate container, add coloring and stir to a paste like consistency. Add this colored "paste" back into your melted soap and stir.

3) Add Fragrance. You can add pure essential oils and perfume oils of your choice into your melted soap. A good starting point for adding essential oils or perfume oils to scent your soap is *one tablespoon per pound of soap*. You can adjust the fragrance to your taste by adding either more or less.

Tip: The color of your fragrance will effect the color of your soap.

4) Other Additives. You can customize your soap by adding other ingredients and moisturizers such as sweet almond oil, vitamin e oil, aloe vera etc.

Tip: Additives may effect the color and clarity of your soap.

5) Pour Into Molds Cookie cutters, candy molds, Tupperware, yogurt containers, tubing and pipe etc. can all be used as unique molds for your soap. Or you can simply use soap molds from The Essential Oil Company for your product. To avoid air bubbles which naturally form when melted soap is poured, allow your mold to overflow slightly. The surface can be shaved off to remove the bubbles, and the shavings can be remelted for your next batch. If you are having difficulty removing your bars from the molds, place the mold and soap in the freezer for 1/2 hour, remove from the freezer and allow to sit. When you see beads of moisture form on top of your soap it is ready to be popped out of the mold.

6) Use And Enjoy. Your soap is ready to use and enjoy as soon as it hardens. Wrap your soap in cellophane if you plan to sell your product.

