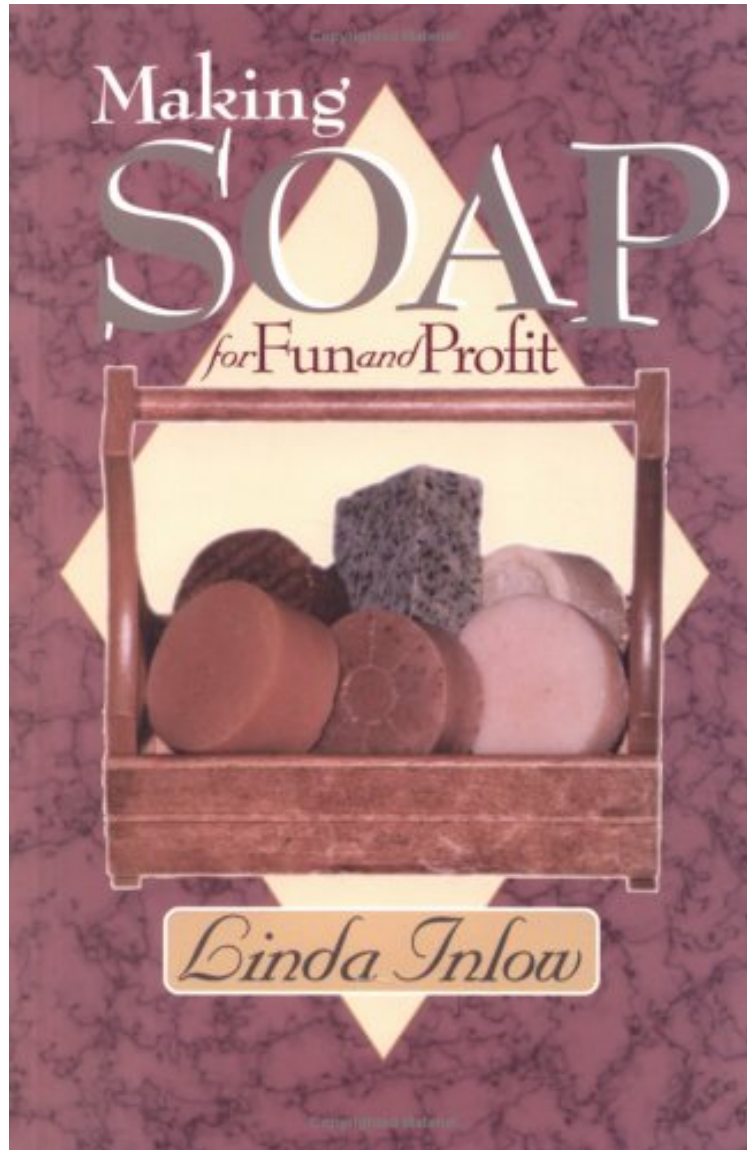


## Making Soap for Fun and Profit

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**Hidden Meadows : Making Soap for Fun and Profit** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Making Soap for Fun and Profit:

29 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Safety Hazards and MISinformation By Elyssanda Desertsong I'd really like to give this book NO stars, but I guess that's not an option. I am returning my copy. I can't believe the safety hazards this woman takes with LYE. It is a HIGHLY caustic material. (which Ms. Inlow does state) However, In her instructions she says to pour your liquids into your lye... DO NOT DO THIS! Other than creating a volcano

effect which could boil over and out of the container in which the mixing is taking place, due to Lye being considered a HAZMAT(Hazardous Material) it is actually illegal to do your mixing this way in some states.. PLEASE check with your local HAZMAT safety regulations before following her instructions.Misinformation: After studying soapmaking for over two years, I have learned that CASTILLE soap must have at least 50% olive oil in it, or the name must be changed. Ms. Inlow lists a Castille soap that is barely 1/3 olive oil.10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Not alot of variationBy A CustomerI Bought this book hoping to learn some new recipes. Most of the recipes in this book are based on two main recipes. The only difference is the fragrances used. I was hoping to get alot more different base recipes. It's a small book for as much as it costs. I do like the fact that it is spiral bound, but I don't think it is worth the money I paid for it.18 of 21 people found the following review helpful. FabulousBy A CustomerThis is a great little book just for people like me - beginners! The recipes are simple and allow you to use measurements that will not intimidate you. (i.e. some recipes use measuring cups and teaspoons instead of relying on weight measures in ounces/grams) Her basic recipes have got me excited about all of the different soaps that I can make!

Learn how to make soap the old fashioned way using new fangled methods. Making Soap for Fun and Profit offers basic recipes using tallow, vegetable shortening and/or a wide variety of oils such as olive, coconut, avacodo etc.. to make soap which lasts like our ancestors. The author describes how to incorporate additivives, herbs and essential oils to vary the color and scent of the soap. The author encourages the reader to design and create special blends - offering some blank pages for personal notes and recipes. Resources for materials appear through out the book and are also listed in the Index and resource page. Enjoy the process - have some fun making soap!

From the AuthorMaking soap is still a fun hobby for myself and now my two kids. We keep ourselves, our extended family and friends well supplied. I have made every type of soap in this book, but must admit Cinnamon, Dr. Mom, Rosemary Dill and Vegetarian II are still our favorites. My hope in writing this book was to take the fear out of soap making and instill a spirit of adventure for the soap maker to experiment with essential oils and additives on his or her own. I have enjoyed sharing my techniques and experiences through the written word and at book signings around the country and meeting the people who have used the book. Thank you for your encouragement and support. Happy soap making! LindaFrom the Back CoverMaking Soap for Fun and Profit is a must have, full of creative ideas and easy to follow instructions for anyone desiring to learn the craft of soapmaking. Upon finishing the very first batch of soap, the soapmaker will be sure to feel inspired and accomplished by the delightful comments and requests formore homemade soap. Chris Lynn, soapmaker Doubling as a practical tutorial and guide to a nearly forgotten craft, Making Soap for Fun and Profit serves as a delightful case study of how one idea - enacted upon by two aspiring entrepreneurs - became a successful and enjoyable business. While encouraging the reader to nurture our own ideas from the initial concept though the implementation of a business plan, Linda Inlow leads by example and helpful suggestion. Hank Sowerwine, investment advisor, Linsco/Private LedgerAbout the AuthorHidden Meadows Handcrafts began in the fall of 1995 by accident. The author, Linda C. Inlow and her neighbor, Shelly Morgan, made soap and other bath products in their kitchens. Family and friends enjoyed the results so much the two women formed Hidden Meadows and began to sell wholesale and low-end retail. Before this venture, the author owned a llama ranch, dealt in real estate and taught at the local college. She continues to teach community education classes such as 'How to Start Your Own Business', 'First Time Home Buyers', and 'How to Get Published'. While managing the businesses, Linda also raises her two children on a seven-acre farm in a small rural community in Washington State. She spends her time writing, gardening, reading, teaching and of course making soap. Other books by the author include: Making the Most of Your Llama (Kopacetic inK) Diary of a Soapmaker (pamphlet) (Kopacetic inK) The Odd Lot: Raising Unusual Animals (Clay Press) Becoming Me: An Autobiography for the Reader to Complete (Kopacetic inK)