

# Soap Making

1. List five different uses for soap.
2. List five different types of soap.
3. Discuss the history of soap use and soap making.
4. Define the following words:
  - a. Fragrance
  - b. Coloring
  - c. Double Boiler
5. Make at least two 'soaps'. Vary the shapes, scents, colors, or things you add to them.

## Helps

1. Washing clothes, bodies, dishes; disinfecting; decorative; etc
2. Dish soap, liquid soap, bar soap, shampoo, hand soap etc.
3. Roman legend gives Mount Sapo as origin of word soap, animal fat and ashes left over from animal sacrifices ran together in the rain and residue was found useful for washing clothing and skin. Egyptians created soap-like substance when they combined animal and vegetable oils with alkaline salt. They were first people to bathe regularly. First known written mention of soap was on Sumerian clay tablets. They spoke of using a soapy substance made from water, alkali and cassia oil to clean textile fibers such as wool. Online you can find many more interesting facts.
4.
  - a. additive to give fragrance to soap
  - b. dye added to give color to soap
  - c. special pan used to melt soap base, so it won't burn

Resources: *Making Natural Liquid Soaps* by Catherine Failor and *Guide to Handmade Soap* by Maria Neri. Check online as well.