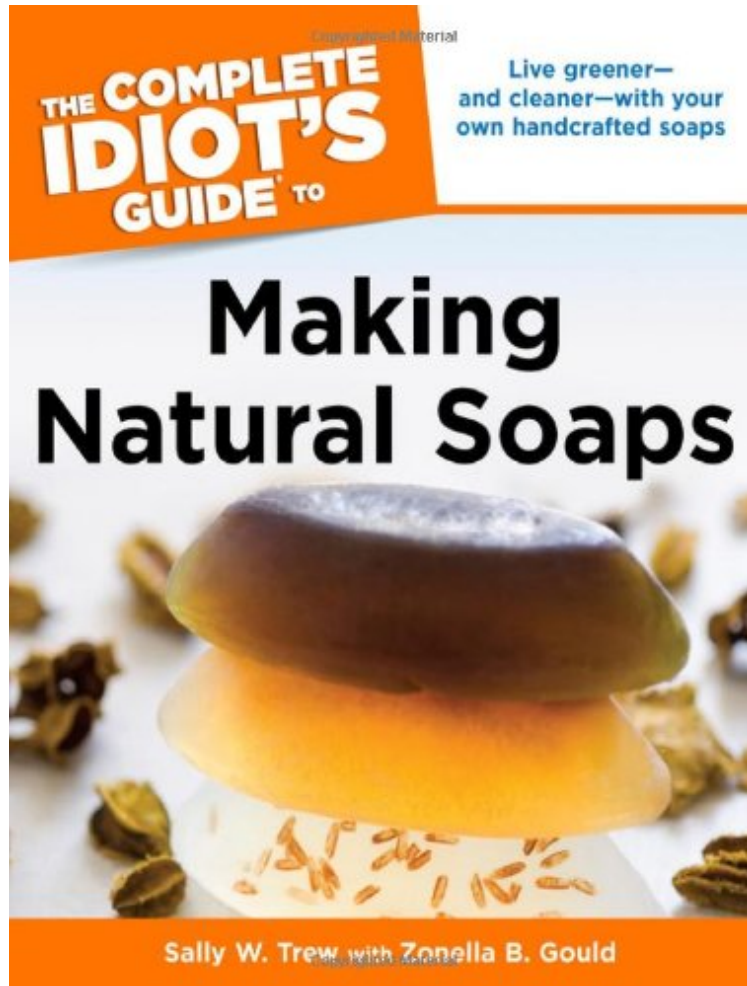


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Complete Idiot Indeed!By Melinda VargasThis book covers many soap making subject areas but none are in-depth. All the recipes contain castor oil. Almost everything in this book can be found on the internet. In fact the author's direct you to [www.soapcalc.net](http://www.soapcalc.net) and ask you to check all their recipes. It's a good thing because the very first recipe in this book (Beginner Batch 1) is wrong: the percentage of oils don't add up to 100% The book is also riddled with typographical errors. The liquid soap recipes are confusing and difficult to follow. To make matters worse, they list unfamiliar ingredients with no explanation, and are not listed in a glossary or

index. Terrible book, a waste of time and money; truly a book for and by Idiots! 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Easy to understand, lots of info, but.....By Debbie I like the way this book is written and it is easy to follow the steps and understand. But....it is made very clear that you must follow the measurements exactly. The problem is on some of the recipes, for example pg. 93 pg. 102, the total oils given in the recipe do not match up to the weight of oils given at the top of the recipe. There is a difference of 5 oz or more. This completely changes the outcome of the soap and the soap qualities. I am a beginner soapmaker if I hadn't done tons of research on the topic I wouldn't have caught these errors. I would highly recommend double checking the oil amounts to what is stated in the top of the recipes before making a batch from this book. Otherwise you will be wasting your time and ingredients. The qualities that are given for the recipes using soap calc don't match either. It's too bad, because the book has lots of information for beginners if the recipes were written correctly I would highly recommend it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great beginner book! By James 'n Houston This is a GREAT basic intro to soap making. I've read several books on the subject thus far doing research on this hobby and while this is a little on the simple side, this is hands-down my favorite. It's a no-nonsense, easy to follow guide with LOTS of experience-based how-to's and tips from someone who's obviously been in the field for a long time. It shows through. I find myself referencing the information and recipes in this book time and time again. Very well done beginner book.

Leave no soapstone unturned! Soapmaking has always been a popular craft with a dedicated group of followers, but with the explosion of urban homesteading and people looking to go green, noncrafters are now joining in on the fun. Whether it's making natural soap to live greener, give as gifts, save money, or make money, *The Complete Idiot's Guide(r) to Making Natural Soaps* has everything the new soap maker will need to create organic, natural soaps of all kinds. Includes recipes to make a wide array of molded, poured, and liquid soaps. Contains soap recipes for body as well as household and even pets.

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