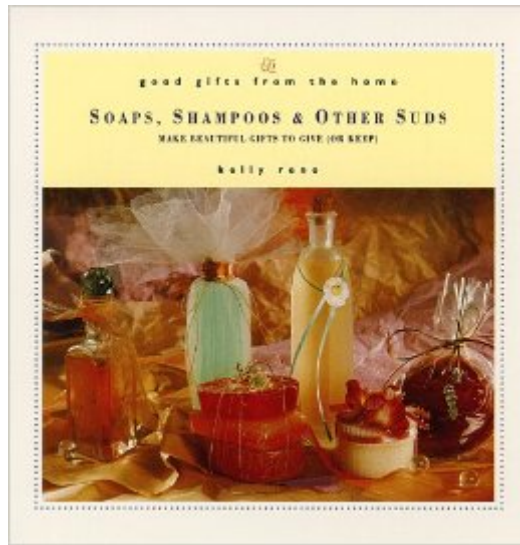


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Good Gifts From The Home: Soaps, Shampoos & Other Suds: Make Beautiful Gifts To Give (or Keep)



Synopsis

Handmade soaps, shampoos, and other bath-time essentials are rare luxuries everyone can enjoy. The recipes and ideas in *Soaps, Shampoos & Other Suds* make it easy for you to create unique, lavish bath products friends and family will love! Scented, textured, rich, and creamy soaps are just the beginning! From sweet-smelling shampoos and conditioners to extraordinary bubble baths, this book reveals the secrets for making fabulous bath and body products in your own kitchen. *Soaps, Shampoos & Other Suds* also includes beautiful ideas and techniques for elegant bottling and gift wrapping, as well as convenient mail-order sources for easy access to more exotic ingredients. About the Author Kelly Reno started making her own soaps and shampoos to enjoy more healthful, higher quality skin and hair care products. She is also the author of *Oils, Lotions & Other Luxuries* (Prima).

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Customer Reviews

From the eyes of a beginner this book is great because most of the recipes don't cost a bundle or contain harmful chemicals like lye. (I don't think I want to experiment with lye just yet). This book also has ideas that are inexpensive and easy to follow. "Die-hard" soap makers that believe in only absolutely made-from-scratch recipes will most definitely not appreciate this book. Many of the recipes start from store bought soap and shampoo which in my opinion does not reduce the quality of the end results. The things in this book are great for presents. I've actually have been asked by one of my friends if I would sell some of the things I make at her store!

So far everything that I've made hasn't reached my satisfaction. Whatever you do don't try any of the recipes for hair conditioners because you'll just end up with greasy hair. The lady at the aromatherapy store laughed at some of Reno's concoctions because they weren't made from scratch, some of the measurements were not calculated correctly and that some of the fragrances didn't exist in essential oil form (i.e. green apple). Using unscented shampoo for shower gels doesn't work very well (and is also very hard to find). For one thing it doesn't foam up and the gel isn't thick, although the directions said it would thicken up- I don't think so! I think I'll try some of the bar soaps because I don't think anyone can mess those up. So far the Honey and Rose Water Face Wash is the only recipe that actually produced positive results. Go ahead and give this book a whirl, just avoid the hair conditioners!!!

Kelly Reno's book is great for beginners. It has simpler recipes where one doesn't have to buy all types of exotic ingredients. I especially liked the section on melt and pour soap recipes using glycerin soap. This is a great project for kids and for those who are a little hesitant to work with lye!

Both the title and jacket-end descriptions are misleading to the point of seeming dishonest. This is not a book of "original recipes" for "handmade/homemade" anything - the concoctions rely on purchased soaps, shampoo & conditioner concentrates and the like, which are then shredded/mixed/blended with other purchased ingredients such as scents. A waste of money, in my humble opinion.

I was excited when I read this book I quickly started looking for the ingredients to make my first soap. It was easy to make and very nice. I am, although, having a hard time locating shampoo concentrate for the shampoo recipes.

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