

--Easy Soap Making for Kids--



We all know the benefits of hand-washing to prevent the spread of germs and illnesses. But getting kids to wash their hands properly isn't always easy. Make hand washing fun with our easy homemade soap craft. Hands will get squeaky clean during the craft and kids will be more likely to wash their hands using the soap they made themselves. Make some fun designs to give as gifts or play with during bath time!

The traditional way of making soap has you melting glycerin or handling lye, none of which are kid-friendly tasks. In our craft, we transform ordinary white soap into fun and colorful designs.

Supply List:

- White bar or scraps of soap
- Vegetable/cheese grater
- Bowl
- Food coloring
- Warm water
- Plastic spoon or craft stick
- Cookie cutters

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- Step 1:** Grate the soap into a bowl using a vegetable/cheese grater. Depending on the size of cookie cutters you are using, you will need about 1/4 cup of shavings for each small bar of soap.
- Step 2:** Splash a few drops of warm water onto the shavings. Stir the mixture; add enough water for it to become the consistency of play-dough. You can work the mixture with your hands. Be careful not to add too much water.
- Step 3:** Add a few drops of liquid food coloring and mix with a plastic spoon or craft stick to achieve the desired color.
- Step 4:** Work the mixture with your fingers to shape it or use cookie cutters to cut out the desired shape for your bar of soap (note: coat the cutters with cooking spray to prevent the soap mixture from sticking). They will pop out of the cutters more easily after they have dried some or stick the mold into the freezer for about 10 minutes before removing from the mold.
- Step 5:** Store in a cool, dry place for a few days to harden and dry thoroughly.

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