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Soapdish Editions: Recipes For The Bath



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Synopsis

Bargain Books are non-returnable. Chronicle announces a sudsational new series of waterproof-yes, waterproof-books for the bath. Each designed to fit in a soap dish, these fun, eye-catching books are destined to make a splash! It’s truly amazing: the unique material feels like paper, yet it’s fully immersible! From pampering bath recipes to playful ideas for kids, from personal relaxation rituals to thoughtfully erotic soaks for two, these chunky and colorful little books are chock-full of creative ways to enhance any bathtime experience. Soakers will want to start a bathtub library with these six great books that can get wet, be wiped clean, and be read again and again. With 160 pages of imaginative information and full-color art throughout, why would anyone ever get out of the tub?

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Be forewarned--this "soapdish" edition book really is about the size of an average bar of rectangular soap. If you want a big tome full of glossy color photos and 10 page soapmaking recipes, look elsewhere because this book is simply illustrated and to the point. This doesn’t mean the book is plain looking. The illustrations are lively and colorful and the small type size is actually comfortable to read. The book’s broken into the following chapters:1. Intro: Quck and Easy Recipes for the Bath2. Sumptuous Soaps and Scrubs3. Scented Body Rubs, Scrubs, and Soaks4. Refreshing Facial Cleansers, Masks, and Splashes5. Lotion, Potions, and Powders6. Epilogue: Great Gift IdeasA lot of the book’s recipes use shortcuts. For example, rather than cooking soap from scratch,

readers are instructed to add oils, herbs, flowers or other desired ingredients to an unscented, mild, or natural store bought soap that's been grated and melted down. Another example is adding oil and a few other ingredients to an unscented shampoo to make shower gel/bubble bath. Other recipes are made totally from scratch, like the bath salts which require baking soda, epsom salt, a scented oil and crushed flower petals/herbs. There are some shower gel/bubble bath recipes made from scratch too. From very simple to complex, natural to not so natural, there are many recipes to choose from in this book. 96% of the ingredients can be bought at a typical grocery store or drug store. The other 4% could be picked up at a health foods store.I get a lot of use from this book despite being a shower person. I don't even buy shower stuff from Bath and Body Works or Victoria's Secret anymore! Pretty much any recipe but the bath ball/tablet and tub tea/soak will work in a shower. I usually give this book as a gift along with some veggie glycerin soap and bath salts.Finally, I don't think this book is long enough or involved enough to require reading while in the tub, but the waterproof pages did allow my copy to survive a coffee spill.

Of the four recipes that I tried, one was easy and very successful (Tub Tea - page 87)Another seems that it will work OK; haven't tried it yet (Bath salts - page 93).One more was difficult at first, but I eventually managed to get a satisfactory product out of it (fizzy bath tabs - page 65; I don't recommend trying to use molds; just shape the stuff into balls and call it a day).The last one, "Lake Shore Bath Beads," was a beast and an impossible dream (p. 95). It sounded so simple. I followed the recipe exactly as to portions and tried combining the ingredients three different ways. They all ended up like thick soup, nothing that I could mold or shape into small bath beads. It seems that Ãƒâ Ã Â C. rosewater is far too much. I tried Ãƒâ Ã Â tsp., but that was too little. Should it be 1 T.? I hate to waste more of my supplies just trying other combinations.If you continue to produce the little book, you really should take a look at that recipe and adjust or adapt it, if you want your readers/experiments to feel successful. I expended close to $10 worth of materials on that one, to achieve zero results.

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