

LUMP OF COAL SOAP

tonka and oud

Whether you've been naughty or nice, these lump of coal hand soaps are a fun, simple project perfect for the holiday season.

MATERIALS:

2 lb. SLES & SLS Soap Base
8 Bar Circle Silicone Soap Mold
1 oz. Tonka and Oud Fragrance Oil
Funnel Pouring Pitcher
Candle and Soap Scale

ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED:

Paper towels
Rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle
Small spatula
Cutting board
Sharp knife

DIRECTIONS

PART 1: PREPARE YOUR SUPPLIES AND WORKSPACE

Wash your equipment, soap molds, and utensils in warm soapy water and dry thoroughly. Don't forget your workspace! Avoid any cross-contamination by spraying the area with rubbing alcohol or a 5% bleach solution, then wipe dry with a clean paper towel.

PART 2: MAKE THE SOAP

Remove the SLES & SLS Free Soap Base from the container and cut off about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the soap block. Cut this piece down into 1" cubes.

Weigh out 27 oz. of the cubed soap base. Using the Funnel Pouring Pitcher or another microwave-safe container, melt the soap cubes in the microwave for 1 minute. Stir. Heat the soap for 30 second intervals, stirring in between, until the soap is fully melted.

NOTE: We love the Funnel Pitcher for easy, mess-free pouring, but it was a tight squeeze to get all of the soap into the container. Be sure to cut your soap pieces small and push them down into the pitcher as much as possible before melting.

Weigh out and add 1 oz. of the Tonka and Oud fragrance oil to the melted soap base. Stir gently but thoroughly, being careful not to stir up too many bubbles.

Add 8 drops of the Black Vibrant Liquid Soap Dye to the melted soap. Stir gently until the dye is completely mixed into the soap.

OPTIONAL STEP: If you're using activated charcoal or poppyseeds, add them at this stage. We'd recommend adding $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. of the activated charcoal and $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. of poppyseeds.



PART 3: POUR INTO THE MOLD

Pour soap into the circle mold and spray the surface with alcohol to remove any bubbles. They should be cooled completely after about 3 hours.

PART 4: REMOVE THE SOAP

Once the soap has cooled completely, remove from the silicone mold.

PART 5: MAKE THE COAL

Place your cooled soap on a cutting board mold side up. With a sharp knife, cut slices of soap off at an angle. We went around in a circle twice, cutting larger slices first, and then smaller slices on the second pass.

PART 6: PACKAGE AND ENJOY

There are some fun possibilities for packaging these lump of coal hand soaps. We decided to shrink wrap the soaps individually and put them in a small drawstring bag. We completed the look with a small square tag from Avery WePrint - head over to avery.com/candle-science to get started designing your own and take 10% off your label order!

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