



# Crafts Council

## Everyday Making

### Materials:

- melt and pour soap base (clear, opaque or both)
- colouring agents: cocoa powder (brown), turmeric powder (yellow or orange depending on concentration), spirulina powder (green), activated charcoal (black)
- isopropyl alcohol (available online)
- essential oils (optional)
- firing clay or card and tape

We recommend buying the soap base from [www.thesoapkitchen.co.uk](http://www.thesoapkitchen.co.uk)

### Tools:

- microwave
- microwavable jug
- knife
- chopping board
- spoons
- small bowl
- Tupperware container or something similar



Soap casting  
by Silo Studio

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1.



Cut the soap base into smaller pieces, put them in the jug and microwave them until melted, a few seconds at a time. Soap bases melt at around 50°C. Be careful not to overheat it.

2.



In a small bowl mix a small amount of colouring agent with a bit of alcohol. Add to the molten soap and stir.  
Add essential oils for smell, around 5 drops per bar of soap.

3.



Pour the coloured soap into a container and let it cool down. This will make the coloured pieces inside your soap.

4.



Take the soap out of the container and cut it into little pieces. Cut, peel or grate the soap into little pieces. Repeat the previous steps for each colour you want to use.

5.



Use some clay to make your mould. Seal off any gaps to ensure it doesn't leak.

6.



Place some of your coloured bits of soap into the mould.

7.



Repeat step 1 and pour in the melted soap.

8.



Let it cool down for 20 to 40 minutes.

9.



When the soap is firm, take it out of the mould.

10.



Wash away any clay from the surface to finish it off.



Instead of clay, try making a mould from card. Use tape to secure it in place.