
Any successful rebatchers out there?

Posted by Rachel - 1998/06/09 14:10

"Many of us in this group have experienced frustration and failure at rebatching (or hand milling) soap. I've followed the directions, and it still turns out to be one giant gob, or a soft mess that shrinks or won't harden. Is there anyone out there who is accomplished at this rebatching stuff who has met with repeated success? If so, please enlighten us on your techniques! And does anyone know how to contact Norma Coney of the book The Soapmakers Companion? I'd like to ask her a few questions!

Rachel"

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Re: Any successful rebatchers out there?

Posted by Diane wells - 1998/06/10 02:40

"We mill plain white soap made from tallow and some veggie oil. We grated it after it was very dry and then mix with water and whatever else we put in. We grated about 10 lbs of soap all at once and store it until we use it. We have made buttermilk, calendula, superfatted, rosewater, and frankensense and myrrh soap. I actually help a friend do this, I make veggie oil soap myself (I like the less fuss and bother). What has happened both times we did the milling thing was the soap really shrunk up like crazy after the drying period, and my friend re-melted and remolded it with fantastic results. We also have found that bigger molds work much better. We are currently using 4" across plastic pipe, cut into 18" lengths. We mill about a pound of soap for each type we make. Hope this is helpful. "

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