
Need help!

Posted by Diane57 - 2011/05/19 08:50

Hi dear soap making friends that have helped me before with a problem. The soap fairy visited my house the other day or I am just getting old and forgetful. I forgot to write down one of my oils on my recipe and when I calculated for lye I ended up short by 1.8oz. I want to rebatch this mess but how do I add the extra lye? Help!!
Oh by the way How are you guys? Doing any fun soaping?
Diane

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Posted by Deb1gms - 2011/05/20 16:51

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Posted by Diane57 - 2011/05/21 06:06

Thank you Debbie, I cant believe I forgot to write that oil down on my list. I used up all my oils before they went bad and was hoping I wouldnt have to order any new until Fall. You said your rebatch didnt turn out as well without the half batch, but was it still usable? I sure hate to have to order more oils right now. I have nothing to lose I guess by not trying. I hate to throw the whole mess out. There is some nice oils in there.,

Sorry to hear your business is slow, but you are right, we seniors tend to hang onto our money. We havent had a raise in two years so we dont have as much to spend. Where in Florida are you? Would love a facial.

Thanks so much for your help!

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Posted by Deb1gms - 2011/05/21 06:22

It just didn't blend as well. You could use a kitchen oil, such as olive oil, something you can get at the store, and would still make a nice soap. If you add too much water and stir too much on a rebatch it can turn out spongy. It's usable though.. You have been doing soap a long time, we call those, Limited Editions.. lol.. The sooner the better if you decide to rebatch.

I live mid-Florida and my office is in Weeki Wachee, near Spring Hill, Florida. The people around here are so old they refer to this area as, "Gods waiting room.".. LOL... I am getting up there (58 next month) so I better not complain too loudly.. Wish I could give you a facial!! I have Mo on my Face book, and exchange chit chat every now and again. The old Soap Exchange was so much more active than now..I don't always check in often so if you need to get a hold of me, my web site is: www.jeunepeau.com
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Re:Need help!

Posted by Diane57 - 2011/05/21 10:12

Yup your right its pretty dead out here. I check in maybe once a month just in case the old spark is back. Take care and thanks so much for your help. I,ll give it a go and see what I come up with.
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Posted by Diane57 - 2011/05/23 09:13

I did a rebatch by just adding the extra lye water to the melted soap and it seems to be fine.I cut it this morning and its not a bit spongy, so will see in a couple of weeks whats its like. My limited edition may just be alright. Will watch closer next time I make soap, or put out beer and chocolate. The fairy couldnt resist that combo could she? :P
Thanks again Deb,
Diane

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