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product fairly quick... and with great results. When I 1st started I never realised how much chemistry went into making soap, and I am still learning, but it's easier than you would think, and the author takes you by the hand gets you going. It has several starter recipes to choose from; some with and some without butters and mostly veggie based. Personally, I wished for more tallow based recipes as there may come a day when commercial veggie oil may not be so easy to come by. There are SAP values and she explains different oils and other additives. There is also a resource section to help you get started on your new journey. Keep in mind it is a beginners book, but being a hands on learner myself, IMHO it's the best beginners book out there. (Thanks Anne - if you see this) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good Basic Guide For the Beginner By Marie McCa very basic guide for the beginning soapmaker, and a great place to start. Many soapmaking myths exploded, a lot of good information simply explained to demystify the process. I liked the simple, small batch recipes included for beginner experimentation.

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////////// Anne L. Watson is the first author to have introduced modern techniques of home soapmaking and lotionmaking to book readers. She has made soap under the company name Soap Tree, and before her retirement from professional life, she was a historic preservation architecture consultant. Anne and her husband, Aaron Shepard, live in Friday Harbor, Washington. ////////// *****RECOMMENDED BY THE HANDCRAFTED SOAP COSMETIC GUILD***** "Should become THE book for soapmaking. . . . It's about time someone wrote a book like this. Most are idealistic and inaccurate. This book has a wonderful common sense approach that is SO long overdue. . . . I can recommend it with 100% confidence." -- Susan Kennedy, Oregon Trail Soaps, Rogue River, Oregon "Smart it is A simple, no-nonsense book that cuts through the curmudgery of stifling soap bibles like no other." -- Shellie Humphries, Harstine Island, Washington "Way overdue. . . . A gift of common sense caution, proven methods, tried-and-true shortcuts, and some excellent recipes as well, for both the professional/experienced soapmaker and the eager beginner." -- Deb Petersen, Shepherd's Soap Co., Shelton, Washington "A great book for beginners, with clear and easy instructions." -- Anne-Marie Faiola, Bramble Berry Inc., Bellingham, Washington "I learned more from Smart Soapmaking than from any other soaping book, and I have read quite a few. . . . It's written with the average person in mind, not a chemistry major. Directions are very simple and easy to understand. It really takes the mystery out of making soap." -- Jackie Pack, Stuart, Virginia "Groundbreaking Anne L. Watson [is the] universally respected and loved author/crafter/curator of this lost art for thousands of aspiring soapers Unquestionably the best book with which to begin. To be precise, it's probably the most accessible, most reader-friendly, and most immediately useful container of information a first-time soapmaker could hope to find." -- Wishing Willow (blog) "'Smart Soapmaking' finally got me over the hump [of fearing lye]. . . . I think Anne Watson is the Elizabeth Zimmermann of the soap world -- a frugal, common sense gal, who says, 'Don't overcomplicate things. Just make soap.'" -- Amanda Blake Soule, author, "The Creative Family" and "Handmade Home," Soule Mama (blog), Feb. 7, 2012

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