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disappointed in the lack of new material from Dr. McDaniel, I now value this book very highly as a complete source of soapmaking information and I greatly appreciate the care in arranging all of his diverse accumulated soapmaking material into one comprehensive book. Note: Students of the Soapmaking Studio and some new soapmakers have found it beneficial that this book comes with a CD featuring a video of a soapmaking demonstration. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book, well explained, but the author doesn't seem to want to share much. By Yael Bolender I liked this book, and I also liked the DVD even if I found it very short. However, the author seems to want to make the thing look complicated and dangerous to maybe discourage us a little? It is a pity, because it could be a fun set of book and DVD, but once reading it and watching the DVD, we almost feel like if we were disturbing somehow. In this book, the author uses a lot of chemistry words, maybe to confuse us as well? I am not sure... Anyway, it is still interesting and we still learn something. I precise I am not an expert in soap, but I am learning and this book seems okay to me. Esthetically, this book is not the top, but the basics are however there and not so badly explained in spite of the fact it is not generously made. Maybe I have this impression because this author is a true professional of soap and it is difficult for him to imagine what it is, to be a beginner? He obviously knows what he is talking about, we can, at least, trust him on that. The DVD is definitely too too short. At the end, we are still waiting for more... I still will recommend this book/DVD in spite of the not fun part.

Using natural ingredients, readers will experience the gratification of processing handmade liquid soaps, cold- and hot-process soaps, melt-and-pour soaps, re-batched soaps, working with fragrances, skin treatments, colors, and shapes and discover the benefits of aromatherapy associated with many essential oils.