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In this lesson, we will cover:

1. Drop swirl.

This swirl does not require lots of time or experience, yet it creates a lovely effect in finished soaps.

DROP SWIRL

In this technique, the soap mixture is divided into two or more parts, each part colored differently. The soap is then poured into the loaf mold, in smaller portions, rotating the colors. As each new portion is poured into the soap in the mold, it penetrates the lower levels. Soap is usually poured from enough height so that it passes all the way across the top levels. This creates an interesting effect in finished soap.

In many cases, a large portion of soap mixture (eg a half of it) is dyed one color, and will serve as a 'base'. Multiple smaller portions will be the colors penetrating the base soap and creating the swirl.



1.



MIX THE OILS AND LYE SOLUTION USING A STICK BLENDER.

2.



DIVIDE THE SOAP MIXTURE INTO TWO OR MORE PARTS.

3.



ADD YOUR CHOSEN COLORANTS TO THE MAIN SOAP MIXTURE.

4.



MIX THE COLORANT IN THOROUGHLY.

5.



ADD THE REST OF THE CHOSEN
COLORANTS TO EACH SMALL PORTION
OF THE SOAP MIXTURE.

6.



USE A DIFFERENT COLOR FOR
EACH PORTION.

7.



MIX WELL WITH A STICK BLENDER.

8.



POUR THE LARGEST PORTION OF SOAP MIXTURE INTO A LOAF MOLD. THIS ACTS AS THE BASE COLOR.

9.



POUR SMALL AMOUNTS OF DIFFERENT COLORED SOAP MIXTURE, AND LET IT PENETRATE THE LOWER LEVELS.

10.



ROTATE THE COLORS.

11.



OPTIONAL: USING A CHOPSTICK, CREATE A PATTERN OF CHOICE ON THE TOP, EG ZIG-ZAG, SWIRLS, ETC.

12.



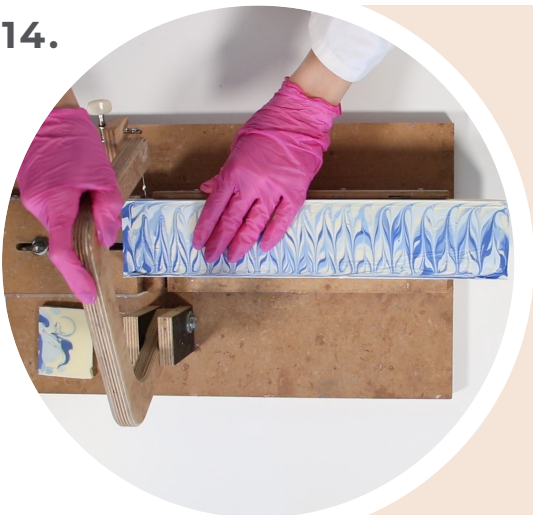
LEAVE TO SAPONIFY FOR ONE TO THREE DAYS.

13.



ONCE FULLY SAPONIFIED AND HARDENED, REMOVE FROM THE LOAF MOLD.

14.



SLICE YOUR SOAP INTO BARS.

SUMMARY

In this lesson we explained the process for creating a drop swirl.

