

Day 2 Craft

Homemade Soap

Materials needed:

- Plastic soap molds or plastic cups
- Vegetable cooking spray
- Pure glycerin soap (sold in blocks or cubes at craft stores)
- Microwave-safe measuring cup
- Red, yellow and blue soap dyes (found at craft stores) [gem instead of dye](#)
- A chopstick or popsicle stick

Directions:

- 1) Lightly coat the interior of the plastic molds with cooking spray.
- 2) Melt small amounts of soap; you can always add more. Invite children to place cube(s) of soap in the measuring cup. Microwave on high for 30 seconds. If some solid soap still remains, microwave in 10-second intervals until it is melted but not boiling.
- 3) Remove the melted soap from the microwave. This should be done by an adult or older child because the soap will be very hot!
- 4) Have a child add a drop or two of the liquid soap dye to the melted soap. (Too much dye will make your soap dark.) Mix colors to get the desired shade. Then, ask your child to stir the dye into the soap, using a chopstick or popsicle stick.
- 5) Repeat the previous steps to melt and color the remaining soap. Let it cool and harden for at least two hours. Once it's cool, turn the mold upside down and pop the soap out. Use hot water to clean the molds.

[Instead of using dye on step four, add the gem at this point.](#)

[As an alternative or an extra activity, consider carving a bar of soap!](#)