

Homemade Soap #2

2 1/2 pints coldwater
1 can Red Devil lye
6 pounds shortening
A basin to mix in
Crock for dissolving lye in
2 wooden spoons
Cardboard box
Plastic wrap

None of these items will be able to be used except for making soap due to the nature of the ingredients. Fill sink with cold water about 2/3 up the crock sides. Fill the crock with the 1 1/2 pints of cold water. Slowly stir in the can of lye until completely dissolved. Keep in sink for 1 hour to cool. Take the 6 pounds of shortening and melt slowly into a pot. Allow to cool for 1 hour. When both the lye and the shortening are cooled to room temperature, pour melted shortening into a basin. Slowly pour lye into the basin and keep stirring for about 10 minutes. Pour combined mixture into a box lined with plastic wrap and place in a cool, dry area. The next day you can cut the soap into bars but you cannot remove them from the form for at least 3 days. Remove from box and allow the other side of soap to dry another day or two.

Wrap in paper to store for use.