



Handmade Cherry Bomb Cold Process Soap Recipe

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Ingredients:

- 7.2 oz. [babassu oil](#)
- 3.6 oz. [castor oil](#)
- 7.2 oz. [fractionated coconut oil](#)
- 3.6 oz. [apricot kernel oil](#)
- 3.6 oz. [refined shea butter](#)
- 1.8 oz. [safflower oil](#)
- 5.4 oz. [sunflower oil](#)
- 3.6 oz. [grape seed oil](#)

- 5.4 oz. [lye/sodium hydroxide](#)
- 12 fluid ounces distilled water

- 1.5 oz. (or 2 oz. for stronger fragrance) [Santa's Pipe fragrance oil](#)
- 1 oz. [coconut milk powder](#)
- .1 oz. [jet black glitter](#)
- 1 Tablespoon [activated charcoal](#)
- 2 Tablespoons [Diamond Dust mica](#)
- red colored soap chunks

Instructions:

This [homemade soap recipe](#) will fit neatly inside one of my wood loaf soap molds. {[Learn how to make one here.](#)} Alternately, you can also use [silicone loaf soap molds](#) of your choice. The advantage of silicone soap molds is that they don't need to be lined. Be sure to follow the [basic cold process soapmaking instructions](#) to create this soap and take all necessary safety precautions. If this is your first go 'round making old fashioned lye soap, I recommend starting with a [basic handmade soap recipe](#).

Start by measuring out the distilled water, then adding 5.4 oz. of lye - by weight - to the water. Then stir into the lye has dissolved completely. Set aside in a well ventilated area to cool.

Now, using a [digital kitchen scale](#), weigh out the soapmaking oils - the babassu, castor, fractionated coconut, apricot kernel, safflower, sunflower, and grape seed oil - and the shea butter and combine in a large non-aluminum pot. Place the pot on the stove over medium heat until all of the oils have melted, then remove from heat.

Once your soapmaking oils have cooled to about 100 degrees F, weigh out and add 1 oz. coconut milk powder to the oils along with one Tablespoon of Diamond Dust mica and mix well using a [stick/immersion hand blender](#). Then slowly pour the lye-water into the oils and mix with the stick blender until you reach a light trace.

Next weigh out the fragrance oil - I initially used 2 oz. of fragrance but this one is pretty potent so you can tone down the fragrance by using less - and stir into the soap until thorough mixed. Pour 1/3 to 1/2 of the soap mixture into your prepared mold then evenly layer the other Tablespoon of Diamond Dust mica on top of the soap you just poured.

With the remaining soap, mix in the jet black glitter and activated charcoal with the stick blender. Then add your red soap chunks to suit and mix into the soap with a spatula. Finally pour the remaining soap on top of the first layer. Level the soap as much as possible so the final size of your bars will be consistent. I generally level out the top of my soap using a butter knife. I run a butter knife back and forth along the width of the mold to evenly distribute the soap, then run it back and forth along the length. However, you can use whatever method works best for you. Now cover the soap and insulate for at least twenty-four hours.

Once the soap has completed the saponification process, you can unmold the soap and cut it into bars. {[Learn how to make a soap cutting guide here.](#)} Then wrap and label with the printable labels that follow. {For personal use only.}



