

Homemade Laundry Soap

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Are you seeking a practical means of allowing your weekly budget to breathe a little easier? Does it appear that you simply cannot save a little extra from one paycheck to another after purchasing all your household necessities? If this is your case then perhaps you can preserve a few dollars by way of manufacturing your own laundry soap.

Here is an effortless technique that is assured to give the best commercial detergents a run for their money and it is inexpensive to boot. The formula is effective for cleaning any type of fabric and has been created over and over with similar results. The essential supplies are painlessly located, not expensive in the least and the final product can be stored rather easily for a good many years. When used for your weekly laundry the product will generate very little suds which is good when you need to make your water supply last a bit longer. Even if your homestead has plenty of water and power this straightforward formula can save you tons of money over the sky rocketing cost of equivalent commercial low suds detergents that you may currently be using.

This is the dry type laundry soap and not the liquid version. A liquid formula is listed below for those who may prefer that type of laundry cleaner. This one requires no cooking or dangerous chemicals.

Ingredients

1 bar of grated Fels Naptha soap

2 cups of Arm & Hammer Washing Soda

1 cup of Twenty Mule Team Borax

1 cup of inexpensive, dry laundry bleach such as is found in the Dollar store

Mix all the above ingredients together. You can powder then if you so desire with an old blender but it isn't necessary. When washing your clothes, you only need to use from 1 to 2 teaspoons per load.

Here is the liquid version promised to you from above. This homemade detergent is this wet style cleaner which also uses Fels Naptha soap as its primary ingredient. This one is a bit more energy and time consuming than the last one.

Ingredients

1/3 bar of Fels Naptha Soap

1/2 cup of Arm and Hammer washing soda

1/2 cup of 20 Mule Team Borax

Start by grating the bar of Fels Naptha Soap. Place the grated soap into a pan containing 6 cups of water and heat until the soap has become dissolved. Stir in the washing soda and the borax. Continue to mix and heat until all the ingredients are completely dissolved which should be about 15 minutes. The texture of the final product will look similar to that of honey. At the end of the cooking time remove the pot from the heat. Put 1 quart of hot water in a large bucket and add the soap mixture. Once again mix all ingredients well. Now add another 5 1/2 quarts of cold water to make 2 gallons of liquid soap mixture. The mixture should again be stirred well until blended completely. Set the product aside for 24 hours at which time it will have a gel-like consistency. Use 1/2 cup of this liquid for each load of wash.