

# Super soap to the rescue!

## CLASSROOM LESSON PLAN

### Objective

To help them wash their hands better, kids will create their own decorative soap.

### Ages

8 and up

### Time

2 Hours

**Adult supervision necessary (uses hot wax and an oven).**

### Materials

- Tissue paper
- Ink pad (black or multicolored)
- An assortment of rubber stamps
- White glue
- Paraffin wax (Available at drugstores; can be melted in a pot over low heat on a stove with adult supervision)
- 1" wide paintbrush
- Scissors
- Bar(s) of soap (Hard, nonmoisturizing soap recommended; soft moisturizing soaps or clear glycerin soap NOT recommended)
- Cookie sheet and aluminum foil
- Oven

### Instructions

#### TISSUE PAPER APPLICATION

- 1 Select a piece of tissue paper. Heavier tissue paper works best, but if you're careful, thinner tissue will work too.
- 2 Select a stamp and press it onto the ink pad gently and stamp the image onto tissue.
- 3 Using scissors, cut around the image until it is the right size to fit your bar of soap. Set the tissue image aside.
- 4 Smear a thin layer of white glue onto the bar of soap in the approximate shape of your cut piece of tissue.
- 5 Lay the tissue image onto the glue and smooth until all the edges are glued down. Allow the glue to dry.

#### APPLYING THE WAX

- 1 While the glue is drying, heat the paraffin wax until it's melted. Be sure to watch it at all times.
- 2 Preheat your oven to 250°F.
- 3 Place a layer of aluminum foil on a cookie sheet.
- 4 Set the bar(s) of soap on the aluminum foil.
- 5 Once the wax is melted, work quickly, using the

paint brush to paint wax in a thick layer over the image on the soap. Only paint the top of the soap. (The wax may be so thick and bumpy that you can't see the image. That's OK.)

#### FINISH IN THE OVEN

- 1 Place the cookie sheet into the oven. **Watch it the whole time.**
- 2 When the wax is smooth and glossy, remove the cookie sheet from the oven. You should now have a thin layer of wax covering the image on the top of the soap. Once the soap is cool, it's ready to use.
- 3 Remind kids how to wash their hands properly: frequently, before and after they eat, with soap and warm water for 20 seconds — the time it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday!" song twice.

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