

What are our soaps made of?

The heart of our soap is tallow, sourced from animals raised on the green pastures and fresh sea air of the Sounds. We hand-render all the fat ourselves and use it in our soaps comprising at least 50%. Tallow naturally aligns with our skin's chemistry, making it incredibly gentle and nourishing.

We use micas (same as eye-shadow), natural colours, and phthalate-free fragrances to create a good smelling and beautiful soap. Other ingredients can be coconut-, castor-, olive- and other oils. Most of our soaps contain sugar and citric acid to create the special properties we want to achieve.

Herbs and flowers used in our infused blends are hand-gathered from our own garden in beautiful Picnic Bay in the Kenepuru Sound, adding a touch of local flora and colour.



Why buy handmade Soap?

Forget grandma's harsh laundry bars! Our soaps retain nourishing oils (usually about 8% superfat) for a skin-friendly experience, unlike the lye soaps of the past. (Actually – we do sell laundry sticks too, but they are strictly for laundry.)

Handmade soaps differ from their industrial counterparts in their retention of natural glycerin. Contrary to industrial soaps, where glycerin is often removed for other uses, ours remains within the bar - contributing to its mildness and through its ability to attract moisture from the air, leaving your skin feeling refreshed and pampered without dryness.

Each bar undergoes a dedicated four-week curing process, resulting in a soap with improved hardness, lather quality, and exceptional gentleness.

For people with extra sensitive skin we offer our "PURE" soaps which are fragrance free with natural colour. Or you might try our popular soaps with Pine Tar and Neem oil. Some of our tallow comes from organic farms (not certified) and we do make 100% tallow soap, some with infused herbs and essential oils.





Comments from happy customers:

"I've been getting soap from SoundSoap for a couple of years now and I absolutely love the soaps and scents. It's pure joy when my new soaps arrive! How awesome to be able to have my own soaps!! 5-stars isn't enough!" (Cat Connor, author)

"I love a soap which not only looks good but does what I want it to do on my skin, and these soaps are spot on. Tallow is under valued often, in soap, but it's one of the best ingredients especially if your focus is creaminess, longevity and a non-stripping bar. I get all this and more from these bars. I love the silky creamy lather and big, soft, fluffy bubbles, my skin is always soft and smooth after drying, with none of that tight skin feel. Love using these bars

"Fabulous soaps would recommend in a heartbeat. Beautiful colors n fabulous moulds. Have very sensitive skin so usually soaps are a no go.

Using SoundSoap soaps no dryness at all -leaves my skin feeling fresh and nourished. ...

Beautifully crafted makes fabulous presents n because I live in the Sounds, nice to give something local. I love the little hand crafted soap pouches to use up excess soap scraps no wastage.

Minimal packaging n safe for the environment.

A wonderful product n can highly recommend."

"Beautiful soaps that last for ages. I use the soap myself and give them as presents too

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Artisan Handmade Soap

Every bar of soap is handmade with love and care to create it's unique design. Our soaps are made in small batches and each bar is cut and trimmed and/or stamped by hand.



How to care for your soap

Remember not to leave your soap lying in water! Give it a chance to dry between uses on a well-draining dish to keep it happy and long-lasting.

Or put it in one of our soap saver bags and hang it in an airy spot.

Our fabulous Soap Saver bags

Sustainable suds, anyone? Our soaps are long-lasting, but even the tiniest sliver should not be wasted. That's where Heike's hand-crocheted soap saver bags come in! Crafted from eco-friendly milk cotton and washable at 30°C, these bags extend the life of your soap while also whipping up a luxurious lather.



About SoundSoap

Heike is the artisan soapmaker, the herb gatherer and alchemist behind the cauldron.

Stefan is the magician behind our soap-making tools (moulds, cutters) as well as stamps, strainers, etc that he prints on his 3D printer.

These tools find homes with other NZ soapmakers too. Stefan even built Heikes soap studio from recycled materials. Being a professional web designer, he also constructed our own website.



Eco-friendly packaging

Our soaps are wrapped in plant-based cellulose bags (home-compostable) and secured with cellulose tape. The boxes are made from cardboard. Just compost the bag, recycle the box, and enjoy your soaps.





Longlasting—Skinloving-Ecofriendly

- Traditional sound soap
- Handmade in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds of New Zealand
- use of local ingredients
- Palm-oil free
- Eco-friendly packaging



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