

# What are our soaps made of?

The main ingredient in our soap is tallow (beef or sheep). The fats are sourced from animals here in the Sounds, that spend their life on green grass in our pure sea air. Some comes from organic farms (not certified) and we do offer 100% organic tallow soap, usually with infused herbs and essential oils. We render all the fat ourselves.

Tallow is actually one of the best fats for your skin as it is very compatible with our cell biology.

Herbs and flowers used are collected from

our own garden in beautiful Picnic Bay in the Kenepuru Sound.





Unlike the harsher soaps that our grandmas made for laundry, our soaps still contain unsaponified oils (the so-called Superfat) to protect your skin - usually about 8% SF.

We use micas (same as eye-shadow), natural colours, and phatale-free fragrances to create a good smelling and beautiful looking 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. We usually have fragrance free soaps - only coloured with natural colours - in stock as well for people with extra sensitive skin. Or you might try our popular Pine Tar Soap.



#### Artisan Handmade Soap

Each piece of soap is handmade individually, with a great deal of time, love and care and unique in its design. Soaps are made in small batches and each soap is cut and trimmed and/or stamped by hand.



## How to care for your soap

Never leave handmade soap lying in water. The soap should always be able to dry well between uses.

## Our fabulous Soap Saver bags

Our soaps won't go mushy in a hurry and are long lasting. When you are eventually left with a small piece – why not put it into one of our soap saver bags?

Hand-crocheted by Heike, they are made from milk cotton and are washable at 30C. They also really help to create some luxurious lather.



### Why buy handmade Soap?

Handmade soaps are different from industrial soaps, because they still contain their natural glycerine. It attracts moisture from the air, so your skin doesn't dry out. In handmade soap the glycerine remains where it belongs and that is why our soap is so much gentler to your skin.

Soaps need curing for a minimum of 4-6 weeks before they are offered for sale. This improves the hardness, the lather and the mildness of the finished product.

#### Comments from happy customers:

<u>Gillian Thomas</u>: "Fabulous soaps would recommend in a heartbeat. Beautiful colors n fabulous moulds. Have very sensitive skin so usually soaps are a no go.

Using sounds 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."

Marion Day, Sounds Author: "I am a big fan of soap made by Heike Koester of 'SoundSoap' fame. She lives in our neck of the wood (Kenepuru Sound) and makes these beautiful, affordable, unique soaps. They feel great on your skin. Even Steve, who has sensitive skin, can use them without any reaction."

#### About SoundSoap

Heike is the herb gatherer and soap alchemist behind the cauldron, whereas **Stefan** is responsible for providing the necessary equipment like soap moulds, soap cutters and printing all kind of soaping tools on his 3D printer.

As a webdesigner by profession he created our webpage.

He also makes coffee.



# Environmentally responsible packaging

We use cellophane bags to package our soaps. They are made from cellulose and are compostable. The tape used is cellulose too. For our gift boxes we use boxes made from (recycled) cardboard.





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



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