

# Melt & Pour Crystal Shea Butter

Stephenson's Crystal Shea is a vegetable based melt and pour soap base, made from Natural ingredients and free from any surfactants or MPG. 18% of fatty acid/oils used in the manufacture is Shea Butter. This melt and our soap base produces opaque soap bars. Simply Melt, Mix, Pour, Create

Well known for its soothing, emollient properties, Shea Butter is increasingly popular as an ingredient owing to its superior skincare properties.

- Contains no surfactants or mono propylene glycol
- Contains Shea Butter
- Glycerine rich
- Good moisturising from a very high glycerine content which provides a pleasant skin feel.
- Neutral odour provides excellent fragrance lift
- Natural Exfoliating
- Anti-Inflammatory
- Excellent foaming
- Enriched with Natural Shea Butter
- High in Vitamin E, D & Provitamin A
- Made in the UK by Stephenson Personal Care

To create your very own set of handmade glycerine soap bars, you will need:

- Crystal Shea Butter slice into meltable chunks
- Fragrance if you wish
- Dried botanicals if you wish
- A soap mould and slicer, Microwave / Double boiler

**Open/Cut** - simply open the packaging, safely cut the Crystal soap base into smaller cubes, doing this will make the soap easier to handle and melt.

**Melt** - gradually heat the soap base ensuring that the soap melts evenly and does not boil and burn. If you are melting in a microwave please be careful and keep an eye on the soap as it can bubble over the container.

**Mix** - you can use Essential Oils, Fragrances, Colours, Botanicals and Additives. Simply add to the melted soap base, mix gently ensuring that any fragrance you have added is evenly distributed throughout the soap base.

**Pour** - working quickly, simply pour your soap base into your soap mould. At this point you can add dried botanicals to the surface of the soap, by gently pressing them into the top of the soap if you wish.

**Create** - once your soaps have set and fully hardened simply remove from the moulds. We recommend always wrapping your soap bars immediately after releasing from the moulds to protect and preserve the soap.

**Melt and Pour Soap** bases usually require less fragrance and essential oils than your Cold process soap does. However, as a general guide the following is useful for safety.

When using Melt & Pour Soap Base we recommend that you use 1 – 1.5% of fragrance/essential oils for the weight of the soap. We have found that this amount gives the perfect fragrance balance. Maximum scent load for M&P soap is 2.5% for safety.

**Note:** When using very strong essential oils for example Lemon Eucalyptus, Lemon Myrtle and Peppermint etc use the maximum of 1.5%.

To scent 500g of Soap Base at 1% use 5mls of Fragrance/Essential Oil.

If you are measuring in drops, there are approximately 20 drops per ml.

For example: A 100g bar of soap at 1.0% you would use 20 drops or 1ml.

**You do not have to scent as high as 2.5% (we only use 1% in our Melt & Pour Soaps). We recommend that you always do your own testing and make a 100g bar using the minimum amount of scent. Allow to set, and judge the results for yourself you can then adjust the fragrance if desired within the maximum guidelines.**