

**Using Coffee in Soap to Eliminate Odors**



If you've ever cooked with onions, garlic, or even if you've been working on your car or the lawnmower you know that your hands pick up unwanted and unpleasant scents. Oftentimes when you've finished your work, you have to wash your hands, then again, and then a few more times because you can't get rid of that unpleasant smell!

Below is your solution!



That's right! Coffee! Unused coffee grounds act as a natural deodorizer to get rid of those unpleasant smells, and with our suspension melt and pour soap base, it's incredibly easy to make your own deodorizing coffee soaps!

**You will need:**

1 lb [suspension melt & pour soap base](#)

2 ounces unused coffee grounds

Bowl or measuring cup for mixing

Spoon or spatula for stirring

[Soap mold](#)

**Step 1: Cut up your soap base**

If you're using a 2 lb package of suspension melt and pour soap base, you can get 1 lb by simply cutting it in half. If using a larger package, use a scale to weigh out the 1 lb of suspension base. Then, cut the base into small pieces as these will be easier to melt down.



**Step 2: Melt your soap base**

Melt the soap down using a double boiler or a microwave (we chose microwave). Try to keep the soap from boiling but if you do get any bubbles just spray them with alcohol and they will disperse. You'll want to stir the base periodically to make sure all the chunks have melted completely.

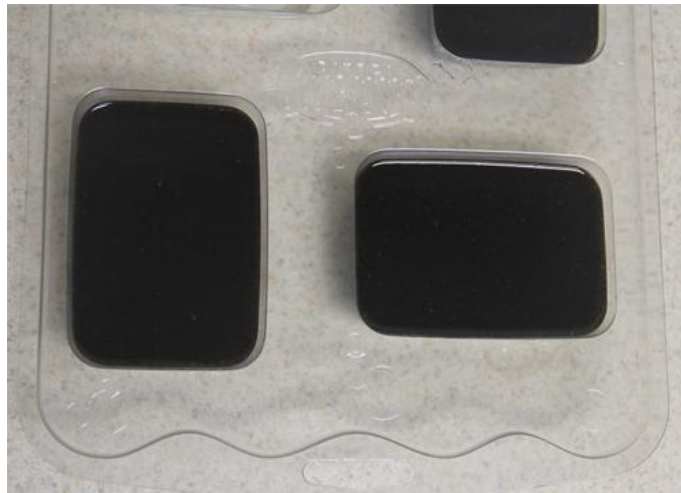
**Step 3: Add the coffee grounds**

Measure out 2 ounces of your coffee grounds and stir them into your base. Continue stirring until the grounds are completely mixed in, and be sure to use a spatula to scrape the sides of your container as the grounds tend to get stuck there. We used Maxwell House brand coffee grounds for this batch, but you can use any grounds you have on hand or even grind your own beans.



#### **Step 4: Fill your molds**

Once the coffee grounds are mixed thoroughly, pour the mixture into your mold. We used the [professional rectangle mold](#) for this tutorial, but any mold will work.



#### **Step 5: Let harden and enjoy!**

Give your coffee soaps a few hours to harden, but once hard they are ready to use! Trust us, you did not just waste your coffee! It's amazing how well these soaps really do work at getting rid of all those unpleasant smells your hands can acquire. Just place one in the kitchen or garage, and when it's time to clean up, wash your hands like normal. The coffee sucks away all the bad smells and exfoliates for softer skin!

