Good Gifts From The Home: Oils, Lotions, And Other Luxuries--Make Beautiful Gifts To Give (or Keep)
The Best Gifts Come from the Home—and the Heart

Vanilla Body Lotion, Herbal Tea Bath, Floral Facial Cleanser, Mint Lip Gloss—these are just a few of the natural beauty, bath, and moisturizing luxuries you can make at home with the easy-to-follow recipes in this book. Turn these pages and learn how to create natural, wonderfully fragrant, handmade oils and lotions to soothe dry skin and delight the senses. You will also discover the secrets to making airy dusting powders, silky oils, invigorating mud masks, and more, using nothing but safe, healthful ingredients. A handmade gift is the ultimate expression of friendship and love—especially when that gift is something soothing and luxurious. This inspiring book offers easy recipes for silky lotions, extravagant oils, and fragrant skin care products you can make at home, including:

- peach and berry gardener’s hand cream
- super light honeydew moisturizer
- five-oil massage blend
- herbs and fruit dusting powder
- rose bath beads
- tingling mint toner
- and many more sumptuous indulgences for the body and the senses!

Whatever the occasion, the recipes in Oils, Lotions & Other Luxuries solve the eternal question of what to give when you want your gifts to be exceptional. Focusing special attention on the art of presentation, author Kelly Reno also includes many simple yet elegant ideas for bottling, boxing, and wrapping these wonderfully unique and personal gifts. You can find most of the ingredients at local markets and pharmacies. For hard-to-find ingredients, mail-order sources are conveniently listed. Oils, Lotions & Other Luxuries makes it possible “and easy “to pamper your friends, your family, and yourself with personal, handmade, aromatic, and sensuous body products anytime!

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Kelly Reno has done a great job of writing books that are helpful for those just starting out. It is amazing that you can make your own lotions and change the scents to match yourself or your friends. The lotions are heavy and greasy, but I think its because our idea of lotions are those that are so heavy with lotions (with alcohols) that we expect it to soak right in instead of using the healing properties of the oils. The bath beads turned out great. My first batch was great, but all the rest (go figure) I had to add a little more dry product to it so it wasn't so sticky. Its like cooking, its all an experiment and you just have to "season" it the way you like it. Highly recommended!

This book is probably as helpful as her other book that I bought. None of the recipes work. Kelly would have you believe that adding 1/2 teaspoon of table salt to 1/4 cup of shampoo concentrate and 3/4 cup of distilled water will be transformed into a product that you would be delighted to use. You are also expected to be able to grate a bar of Ivory soap (highly improbable that you will succeed). The Ivory soap is to be mixed with other ingredients to end up with a product you will be happy to give or to use. I have bought many books on soapmaking and other bath and body products. There is nothing in this book that makes it worth the $12.00 that I spent. Save your money and look for books written by authors who really have excellent credentials regarding bath and body products one can make at home. One author I particularly like is Susan Miller Cavitch. Other authors I would highly recommend are Ann Bramson, Norma Coney, and Melinda Cossl. I would not even give this book a 1 star rating; actually a minus 5 would be closer to how annoyed and disgusted I was by the book I bought.

A great little book of recipes to pamper body and soul. Good recipes with readily available ingredients and easy to follow directions. The end results appear almost as if by magic.

This book has some good recipes, but not as many along the lines of what I was looking for. I stick mainly to organic and natural recipes, and this book does not have as many along those lines. That is why I gave it 3 stars... but for those who don't mind as much with the ingredients they use, this is a pretty good book.
RECIPES From your kitchen. . . for beautiful skin products w/o the high prices of buying them w/o the preservatives and waxes of the commercial products.

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