

## How to Make Spooky Soap

Spooky Soap lets you decorate bars of soap to help entertain your kids when they're washing their hands. Use a picture of a scary spider, a wicked witch, or a ghastly ghost—any image will do. And then teach your kids to Say "Boo!" to the Flu!



**Ages**  
8 & up



**Estimated Time**  
2 hours



**Things to Consider**

Uses hot wax. Requires an oven.

### How to Use Spooky Soap

1. Teach your kids to wash their hands frequently.
2. Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds—the time it takes to sing The Happy Birthday Song twice.
3. Remind your kids to wash their hands at school too.

### Supplies

- White tissue paper (new or leftover from a shopping spree or gift wrap is fine)
- Ink pad (black or multi-colored pads will both work)
- Rubber stamp (get stamps with spooky pictures like a black cat, a witch, or a ghost)
- Elmer's glue
- Paraffin wax (Paraffin wax comes as part of a kit for softening your hands. You can find it at most drugstores. The kit includes a unit to melt the wax. Alternately, you can buy the wax separately and melt it in an old pot over low heat on your stove.)
- One-inch paint brush
- Scissors
- Bar(s) of soap (We recommend hard, non-moisturizing soap. We do not recommend soft, moisturizing soaps or clear glycerin soap.)

### Instructions

1. Select a piece of tissue paper. Heavier tissue paper works best, but if you're careful, the thinner tissue will work too.
2. Select a stamp.
3. Press the stamp onto the ink pad gently, and stamp the image onto the tissue.
4. Using scissors, cut around the image until it is the right size to fit your bar of soap. Set the tissue image aside.
5. Using Elmer's glue, smear a thin layer of glue onto the bar of soap in the approximate shape of your cut piece of tissue.
6. Lay the tissue image onto the glue and smooth until all the edges are glued down. Allow the glue to dry.
7. While the glue is drying, heat the paraffin wax in the heating unit until it's melted. If melting it on the stove, place the pot over low heat and watch it the entire time until it melts.
8. While the wax is melting, preheat your oven to 250 degrees.
9. Place a layer of tin foil on a cookie sheet.
10. Set the bar(s) of soap on the tin foil.
11. Once the wax is melted, work quickly and use the paint brush to paint the wax in a thick layer over the image on the soap. Only paint the top of the soap. The wax may be so thick and bumpy that you can't see the image. That's okay.
12. Place the cookie sheet into the oven. WATCH IT THE WHOLE TIME.
13. When the wax is smooth and glossy, remove the cookie sheet from the oven. You should now have a thin layer of wax covering the image on the top of the soap. Once the soap is cool, it's ready to use.