

HOMEMADE LAUNDRY DETERGENT

1 Cup Grated Soap (check notes)

1/2 Cup Arm & Hammer super washing soda

1/2 cup Borax

Grate soap. Add grated soap to 3 pints of water. Heat on medium until dissolved. Stir in washing soda and Borax. Continue heating until all ingredients have dissolved. It will be a milky color. Remove from heat.

In a large container, add soap mixture and enough water to make a 2-gallon mixture. I use a large soup kettle. Mix until well blended. Set aside. The mixture will gel as it cools.

Use ½ cup per wash load.

NOTES:

- Plan ahead and have some containers ready to store it in. A large bucket with a lid is good. I use old laundry detergent bottles. From back when I used store bought 😊
- You can also use dry. Mix all 3 ingredients together. Use 1 Tablespoon per wash. You will not get as many wash loads as when in liquid form.
- Grated bar of soap... You can use Fels Naptha® laundry soap, Octogan® made by Colgate or Ivory®.
- All ingredients I have found in grocery stores in the laundry section. Sometimes I have had to go to a couple of stores to get all three items. You can also find them on eBay.
- Arm & Hammer washing soda... Not Baking Soda or Detergent.
- Your detergent can be used as soon as it is well mixed. Sometimes it might not gel... But it still works just as well.
- It may separate, just shake or stir.
- This detergent does not suds up in the washer. That may take some getting used to. But suds are not needed to get your clothes clean.
- I now use a left over bar of soap to rub on spots before throwing them in the wash.
- Borax is a great multi-purpose household cleaner. You will find lots of uses for what is left over.
- Have fun making your detergent! You will find you save lots of money and have cleaner clothes too!