

Embroidered Soap Project by Mary Jane Allen  
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Take a bar of plain white soap. If it has "Ivory" or "Jergens" imprinted on both sides, use the dull edge of a butter knife to shave one surface until the lettering is gone. Hoop two layers of water-soluble stabilizer with a layer of tulle (fine netting) in between. Be sure your design will fit on the bar of soap. Embroider. If there are open areas in the design, you may need to clip the jump stitches on the underside when you switch colors. When done, remove excess stabilizer. Trim the tulle close to the edges of the embroidery. If there are open areas, rinse the embroidery in very warm water to remove remaining stabilizer. Blot dry. Use a glue stick to spread glue on the back of the embroidery, especially the edges. Press onto the bar of soap. Allow to dry thoroughly. If you wish the soap to be used without the embroidery washing off, dip the face of the soap in melted paraffin, then allow to cool. Cut a 7" square of clear plastic kitchen wrap. Place the soap face-down diagonally on the plastic wrap. Pull the wrap tightly over the ends, then the corners, then the long sides. Tape securely. This will hide any lettering that may be on the back of the soap.

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