Homemade Laundry Detergent Powder

When we first set out to make our own homemade laundry detergent we thought it would be difficult and time consuming, boy were we wrong! It was actually incredibly fast, easy, and inexpensive. Now, years after making our first batch, thousands of others have tried it and loved the results.

Homemade powder soap required only 3 simple ingredients & took around 5 minutes to create, in respect of opportunity cost I abandoned my original idea of brewing a liquid detergent and set my sights on creating the powder variety. What follows is my own personal pictorial tutorial to making homemade powder laundry detergent. Enjoy!

Note: This soap/detergent works in all HE front-load washers… read more below.

Recipe

- 1 bar of soap - shaved
- 1 cup of borax
- 1 cup of washing soda

Thoroughly stir together for 5 minutes and enjoy the results! Each batch yields approximately 32 ounces (between 32-64 loads based on how many Tbsp used per load).

High Efficiency (HE) Washers

HE front-load washers require “special soap” for one reason alone – low suds. Because they use less water, they require soap that is less sudsy. The good news is, this homemade detergent is VERY low suds. The ”special” HE detergent is just another advertising mechanism to push consumers to buy “special soap” for unnecessarily high prices.

Regardless of your washer type, just make your own in confidence, here’s how.

Detergent directions:

- Shave 1 bar of soap. The medium/fine side of a common cheese grater will do fine
- Add 1 cup of borax
- Add 1 cup of washing soda:
- Stir thoroughly for several minutes until all ingredients are evenly blended together

2 batches of this recipe fit perfectly into a 32 ounce yogurt container

Use 1 tablespoon of detergent per load (you can also use 1 – 2 scoops for heavily soiled loads).

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