



“I started making bath bombs in 2018 for my son.

He loved them, but I noticed that the ones at the store were made from ingredients that weren't that great and they could be pretty expensive. So, I decided to learn how to make them myself.

Once I learned how to make them, I started to give them out as gifts and before long, people began asking me if they could purchase them from me. So, I decided to start making them to sell.

Not long after that I signed up for a vendor table at the City Center Farmers Market and my first time there I completely sold out. So, I decided I needed to start making more.

It got to a point that my whole house just turned into a factory for bath bombs, even though they were still just a side job for me while I was managing another yoga studio in Downtown. When COVID happened, the yoga studio stopped in-person classes and they didn't need me to manage anymore. That is when I stepped into the bath bomb business fully and started building it even more. From there, I moved my business into a building in Downtown Florence and will be celebrating our one-year anniversary soon.

When I make my products, it is important to me to use good ingredients. It starts with my son because he still uses these bath bombs. Whatever I put in them is going on my son's skin and I look at every kid who comes in here like they are my son and want to make sure that they, and all my customers, have safe ingredients.

I'm part of a small co-op and the owners do a lot of research to find quality products that are also ethically sourced. The fragrances that I use come with certification that they are free of synthetics, and they also verify that the mica powder I use for our colors wasn't created using child labor.

It would be easier to just order from a big box store, but there is that sense of integrity for me and we have a lot of reviews on how good our products make people's skin feel because the ingredients are real.

I've had some people come up to me and say, 'You make a living on bath bombs?', to which I say, 'Yeah, I know, it's crazy!'

And these are simple, they're just bath bombs. But they are also something that people can come in, spend a few dollars on, and then leave with something special for themselves or their loved ones.”

- **Bridget Hearne, owner of Bubble by Bridget**