

Soap stars

The soap, after several years in surfactant twilight, is now back as the coolest way to keep clean. It is the perfect present for him or her. However, finely mulled and lightly scented, the message that is being received loud and clear is which colour to choose: try cream, cream or, er, cream.

Egg soap (box of six) from the Conran Shop, £17.50.

Tel: 0207-589 7401

Platinum soap by Chanel, £13.

Tel: 0207-493 3836

Sandalwood soap by Etro, £14.

Tel: 0207-328 1036

Gentleman's soap No 89 by Floris, £8.95.

Tel: 0207-930 2885

Goat Milk soap by Chianti Cashmere Company, £6.

Tel: 0039 0577 738 080.

Almond Oil soap

(box of three) by DR Harris, £14.95.

Tel: 0207-930 8753

Marseille soap by L'Occitane, £4.50.

Tel: 0207-290 1421

Isensé Ultramarine by Givenchy, £9.80.

Tel: 0207-563 8800

Natural soap by Immaculate House, £5.09.

Tel: 0207-375 1844

Linden Wood soap by L'Occitane, £4.50.

Tel: 0207-290 1421

Goat Milk soap by Trumper, £5.50.

Tel: 0207-499 1850

Rectangular soap by Acqua di Parma, £9.95.

Tel: 0207-328 1036

Sapone Latte by Farmacia di Santa Maria Novella, £7.

Tel: 0207-460 6600

Sandalwood soap (box of three) by Jo Malone, £18.

Tel: 0207-720 0202

Eau d'Orange Verte by Hermès, £9.

Tel: 0207-823 1014

