**Luxurious Cold Process Soap Recipe**

**Ingredients:**

* **Olive Oil**: 150g (30%)
* **Coconut Oil**: 125g (25%)
* **Palm Oil**: 100g (20%)
* **Shea Butter**: 50g (10%)
* **Cocoa Butter**: 25g (5%)
* **Castor Oil**: 25g (5%)
* **Sweet Almond Oil**: 25g (5%)
* **Distilled Water**: 190g
* **Sodium Hydroxide (Lye)**: 72g
* **Silk Peptides**: 0.5 teaspoon
* **Essential Oils**: 20-25g (e.g., lavender, rose, or a blend)
* **Natural Colorants (optional)**: such as mica or clays

**Instructions:**

1. **Preparation**:
   * Wear safety gear and ensure you’re working in a well-ventilated area.
   * Measure all ingredients accurately using a digital scale.
2. **Mix the Lye Solution**:
   * Slowly add the sodium hydroxide (lye) to the distilled water while stirring continuously. **Never add water to lye**. The mixture will heat up rapidly. Set it aside to cool.
3. **Melt the Oils and Butters**:
   * In a heatproof container, melt the coconut oil, palm oil, shea butter, and cocoa butter together. Add the olive oil, castor oil, and sweet almond oil to the melted mixture.
4. **Add Silk Peptides**:
   * Dissolve the silk peptides in the warm oils or in a small portion of the water before adding to the oils.
5. **Combine Lye and Oils**:
   * When both the lye solution and oils are between 100°F (38°C) and 120°F (49°C), slowly pour the lye solution into the oils while blending with a stick blender.
6. **Bring to Trace**:
   * Blend until the mixture reaches a light trace, where it thickens to a custard-like consistency. At this point, add essential oils and any colorants.
7. **Pour into Mold**:
   * Pour the soap batter into your mold, smoothing the top with a spatula.
8. **Insulate and Cure**:
   * Gel in oven at 170 for 2 hrs to overnight. After unmolding, cut the soap into bars and allow them to cure in a well-ventilated area for 4-6 weeks.

**Tips:**

* **Customization**: Experiment with different essential oils and natural additives like oatmeal, honey, or dried botanicals for added luxury.
* **Safety First**: Always handle lye with care and follow safety guidelines.
* **Curing**: Proper curing is essential for the soap to reach its optimal hardness and mildness.