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**What is the AromaWorks Variety Pack?** It’s a kit of 4 easy-to-carry aromatherapy remedies. Inside each “pocket inhaler” is a cotton spine soaked in a unique blend of essential oils. Safe and non-habit forming, each formula has been carefully formulated to correct a specific physical or emotional imbalance. Whether the goal is insomnia help, appetite control, anxiety relief or an all-natural stimulant – this Variety Pack puts the power of clinically-tested aromatherapy at your fingertips.

**What exactly is aromatherapy?**

Essential oil aromatherapy is an ancient healing art that uses botanical sap (extracted from blossoms, leaves, bark and roots) to restore balance to the body, mind and emotions. It is based on the premise that your body’s natural state is balance. Illness or upset occur when that balance is disrupted by poor lifestyle habits or an environmental contaminant. Among its many benefits, aromatherapy has been scientifically shown to perk brain power, promote appetite control, deliver anxiety relief and help you sleep better.

**How does "inhalation" aromatherapy work?**

As the name suggests, you inhale the aroma of a particular essential oil (or, more often, a blend of oils) selected because they have a curative effect on problems you’re experiencing. French chemist Rene-Maurice Gattefosse coined the phrase in the 1930's.  The idea is simple: because essential oils are “volatile” (meaning they generate vapors that float through the air), their molecules can enter your lungs when they’re inhaled, eventually making their way into your bloodstream. During inhalation, they also strike tiny, hair-like olfactory nerve receptors inside your nose. These receptors take them directly to your limbic system, the part of your brain that regulates unconscious metabolism, controls your stress responses and governs mental activity.

**So how do you use Pocket Inhalers?**

It’s easy. You unscrew the cap, place the inhaler below one nostril and inhale once or twice.  Since your olfactory nerve receptors cannot cross from one side of the brain to the other, inhaling through your right nostril affects only your right brain. Experts know that each side of the brain affects different aspects of health and well-being. So you can maximize benefit by inhaling first through one nostril and then the other.

**What are the ingredients in the Variety Pack?**

Each Pocket Inhaler formula is uniquely blended to serve a particular purpose. This convenient 4-piece aromatherapy kit is great to keep on-hand for everyday discomforts and upsets. It also makes a fun, unique gift!

* ALERT combines the uplifting essence of neroli with basil and spearmint to combat depression, anxiety and fatigue. A safe & effective pick me up.
* SLEEP blends the softly sedating effects of lavender with the warmth of marjoram, the comfort of vanilla and the tranquility of hops. It’s a perfect remedy to help you sleep better and wake up alert.
* SUPPRESS stops hunger and stimulates digestion with imported grapefruit oil, and relieves the side effects of hunger with pure peppermint oil. A powerful appetite suppressant, without harmful drugs.
* RELAX mixes the tranquilizing benefits of bergamot with sandalwood and vanilla. Here’s a soothing relief from grief, worry, tension and stress. A great way to achieve drug-free anxiety relief.

**Do scientists consider aromatherapy effective?**

Yes, many do. By the early 1900’s, essential oil aromatherapy had started to enjoy popularity and respect among scientists and physicians. For example, in the 1920's, Italian scientists documented its bacteria-destroying capability as well as its ability to impact the nervous system. During the 1940's, French physician Dr. Jean Valnet used essential oil aromatherapy (in ointment form) to disinfect and heal war injuries. Over the past 20 years, clinical research has started to show the effectiveness of this healing approach. Reputable studies have looked at problems ranging from food cravings to insomnia, anxiety, depression and even addiction; and data shows that essential oil aromatherapy can be an effective aide to treatment.

**Can the inhalers interfere with prescription drugs?**

No, essential oils do not interfere with prescription medication. Used by themselves, they can solve an occasional problems for even the healthiest people. For those with more significant health issues, essential oil aromatherapy can actually enhance the benefits of traditional medical care and prescription drugs. For example, when properly combined, essential oils can be a wonderful addition to hormone replacement therapy, anti-depression regimens and healthy diet plans.

**Are essential oils safe for everyone?**

Some oils should not be used during pregnancy: basil, cinnamon, clove, eucalyptus, fennel, hyssop, juniper, lemon, marjoram, myrrh, pennyroyal, rosemary, sage, thyme, wintergreen and large amounts of peppermint.  Also, people with asthma and other respiratory ailments should start by using smaller amounts of any essential oil. Then gradually increase if no adverse reaction occurs. Finally, Children under 5 should not use any aromatherapy blend.