

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) uses a mortar and pestle to grind, crush, and blend herbs for teas, pastes, pills, and decoctions. Here are 50 of the most popular herbal recipes and uses:

#### 1. Herbal Teas & Decoctions (汤剂, Tang Ji)

These are brewed by boiling herbs in water to extract their medicinal properties.

- 1. **Ba Zhen Tang (Eight Treasures Decoction,** 八珍汤) Tonifies blood and Qi with ginseng, angelica root, and poria.
- 2. **Liu Wei Di Huang Tang (Six-Ingredient Rehmannia Decoction,** 六味地黄汤) Kidney Yin tonic with rehmannia, cornelian cherry, and Chinese yam.
- 3. **Jin Gui Shen Qi Wan (Golden Cabinet Kidney Qi Pills,** 金匮肾气丸) Kidney Yang tonic with cinnamon bark and aconite.
- 4. **Xiao Yao San (Free and Easy Wanderer,** 逍遥散) Regulates liver Qi with bupleurum, peony root, and licorice.
- 5. **Gui Pi Tang (Restore the Spleen Decoction,** 归脾汤) Boosts blood and Qi, often used for anemia or insomnia.
- 6. **Si Wu Tang (Four Substances Decoction,** 四物汤) Blood-nourishing formula with angelica, peony, ligusticum, and rehmannia.
- 7. **Long Dan Xie Gan Tang (Gentiana Liver Drain Decoction,** 龙胆泻肝汤) Clears liver fire, used for migraines and red eyes.
- 8. Ban Xia Hou Po Tang (Pinellia and Magnolia Bark Decoction, 半夏厚朴汤) Treats throat obstruction ("plum pit Qi").
- 9. **Zuo Gui Wan (Left Restoring Kidney Pill,** 左归丸) Nourishes kidney Yin, often for night sweats.
- 10. You Gui Wan (Right Restoring Kidney Pill, 右归丸) Warms kidney Yang with cinnamon and aconite.

# 2. Herbal Pastes & Ointments (膏方, Gao Fang)

Ground herbs mixed with honey, sesame oil, or vinegar to make pastes.

- 11. Yunnan Baiyao (云南白药) Famous wound-healing powder for injuries.
- 12. **Huang Lian Gao** (黄连膏) Antibacterial ointment with coptis root.
- 13.**Zi Cao Gao (**紫草膏) Purple gromwell salve for burns and eczema.
- 14.Ma Ying Long Hemorrhoid Ointment (马应龙痔疮膏) Soothing ointment for hemorrhoids.
- 15.Fu Zi Li Zhong Gao (附子理中膏) Warming paste for digestive issues.
- 16.**Sheng Ma Gao** (升麻膏) Paste for skin rashes and sunburns.

- 17.**Er Cha Gao** (儿茶膏) Astringent paste for sores and ulcers.
- 18.San Huang Gao (三黄膏) Anti-inflammatory salve with rhubarb, coptis, and phellodendron.
- 19. Jin Huang Gao (金黄膏) Turmeric-based paste for swelling and infections.
- 20. Dang Gui Gao (当归膏) Angelica root paste for blood circulation.

# 3. Herbal Powders (散剂, San Ji)

Ground herbs for direct consumption, capsules, or mixing into water.

- 21.Bai Zi Yang Xin San (柏子养心散) Calms the mind, often used for anxiety.
- 22. Xiang Sha Liu Jun Zi San (香砂六君子散) Digestive aid for bloating.
- 23. Wu Wei Zi San (五味子散) Schisandra berry powder for lung health.
- 24. Shi Quan Da Bu San (十全大补散) General tonic for energy and strength.
- 25. Chuan Bei Mu Powder (川贝母粉) Fritillaria bulb for chronic coughs.
- 26.Ping Wei San (平胃散) Drains dampness for stomach issues.
- 27. Zhi Bai Di Huang San (知柏地黄散) Clears heat, used for menopause symptoms.
- 28. Ge Gen San (葛根散) Kudzu root powder for colds and neck tension.
- 29. Bu Zhong Yi Qi San (补中益气散) Raises Qi, good for fatigue.
- 30. Shen Ling Bai Zhu San (参苓白术散) Strengthens digestion and stops diarrhea.

### 4. Pills & Boluses (丸剂, Wan Ji)

Ground herbs mixed with honey or water to form small pills.

- 31. An Shen Bu Xin Wan (安神补心丸) Calms the heart and mind.
- 32. Tian Wang Bu Xin Dan (天王补心丹) Nourishes heart blood for insomnia.
- 33.Xiao Feng Wan (消风丸) Treats skin itching and eczema.
- 34. Chai Hu Shu Gan Wan (柴胡疏肝丸) Soothes liver Qi stagnation.
- 35. Shou Wu Wan (首乌丸) Polygonum multiflorum formula for hair growth.
- 36. Zhen Zhu An Chuang Wan (珍珠暗疮丸) Pearl powder for acne.
- 37. Shen Nong Bai Ren Wan (神农百仁丸) Longevity tonic.
- 38. Du Huo Ji Sheng Wan (独活寄生丸) Treats arthritis and joint pain.
- 39. Wu Zi Yan Zong Wan (五子衍宗丸) Male fertility tonic.
- 40.**Er Chen Wan (**二陈丸**)** Dissolves phlegm, used for chronic cough.

#### 5. Topical & External Applications (外用方, Wai Yong Fang)

Ground herbs applied externally for healing.

- 41.**Ginger Compress (姜敷)** Crushed ginger applied for pain relief.
- 42. Moxa Powder (艾粉) Dried mugwort ground for moxibustion therapy.

- 43. Coptis Root Paste (黄连糊) For mouth ulcers and infections.
- 44.Bai Bu Powder (百部粉) Treats lice and scabies.
- 45. She Chuang Zi Paste (蛇床子膏) Treats fungal infections.
- 46. Crushed Honeysuckle (金银花糊) Applied for heat rashes.
- 47. Cinnamon & Clove Poultice (肉桂丁香敷贴) Warms and relieves muscle aches.
- 48. Salt & Sichuan Pepper Foot Soak (盐花椒泡脚) Warms the body and relieves pain.
- 49. Crushed Lotus Seed Paste (莲子膏) Applied for skin hydration.
- 50.**Realgar & Sulfur Powder (**雄黄硫磺粉**)** Used in TCM insect repellents.