[//]: # (### Lest you thought lotion was apolitical: Environmental justice Craftsmanship Organic-movement. Autoimmune disease/disability. Beauty products/culture/expectations/racialized. Parabens vs bacteria. What's the role of craftsmanship in a post-industrial, hyper-material society, besides an ironic pseudo-artisanal gimmick?)

[//]: # (Tea tree oil is also considered a natural preservative, although whether that idea [works](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19508298) on a practical level is [unclear](https://www.treasuredlocks.com/))

[//]: # (the-truth-about-parabens-and-preservatives-including-natural-preservatives/)

[//]: # (### Why make lotion?)

[//]: # (Or for that matter why make anything that you could buy? Aren't you still just buying stuff and then doing extra work? What's the role of craftsmanship in a post-industrial, hyper-material society, besides an ironic pseudo-artisanal gimmick? But, specifically, for lotion:)

[//]: # (- It might be fun! You're not busy, right?- It might be cheaper! Maybe you could even sell it, if you are good at things like branding and up for infiltrating a saturated Etsy or Farmer's Market.- It's a (cheap, fun) way to cut down on noxious fragrances and [not make people around you sick](http://www.brownstargirl.org/blog/fragrance-free-femme-of-colour-realness-draft-15).- You can customize the lotion to be the way you want it.- For instance, you can use healthier and/or more ethically-sourced ingredients.- It's cool to know how to do things! It makes the world less mysterious, and makes it easier to figure out even more things.)

[//]: # (### Sources and resources)

[//]: # (The recipe below is mostly adapted from a [vanilla body lotion](https://healthylivinghowto.com/healthy-homemade-lotion-recipe/) recipe on Healthy Living How-To. Other helpful sources include The Little Pine which has a nice list of [5 basic recipes](http://www.thelittlepine.com/easy-homemade-lotion-recipes/), and Great Cakes Soap Works's post about [troubleshooting your lotion](http://www.greatcakessoapworks.com/handmade-soap-blog/index.php/making-lotion-troubleshooting-your-recipe/), which talks about how each ingredient affects the outcome. I also really enjoyed this [Gardener's Salve](https://crunchybetty.com/the-roofarm-and-recipes-for-not-just-for-gardeners-salve/) recipe from Crunchy Betty, although I didn't use it per se. A lot of people have different answers to that why-do-this question.)