

Purple Balm

A natural, refreshing beard balm with a dry, periwinkle-like violet note, tart fruity-floral accents, citrus crispness, and subtle resinous depth

Naturals-Only 30ml Beard Balm Recipe

Ingredient	Amount
Base Composition:	
Carnauba Wax	4.5 grams (15%)
Kokum Butter	9 grams (30%)
Squalane	15.7 grams (52.33%)
Scent Blend (Oils/Absolutes + Diluent)	0.8 ml (2.67%)
Scent Blend Composition (800 microliters):	
3% Deer Musk Tincture	30 microliters
10% Black Currant Bud Absolute (in IPM)	80 microliters
10% Violet Leaf Absolute (in IPM)	200 microliters
10% Boronia Absolute (in IPM)	50 microliters
Orange Blossom Absolute	50 microliters
Neroli EO	5 microliters
Pink Pepper EO (undiluted)	15 microliters
Coriander EO	30 microliters
Lemon EO	50 microliters
Lime EO	20 microliters
10% Frankincense Sacra DPG Dilution (Royal Green Hojari Omani)	200 microliters
Dipropylene Glycol (DPG) or Isopropyl Myristate (IPM)	300 microliters

Concentration Analysis

- **Floral-Fruity Notes (0.337% in balm):**
 - 10% Black Currant Bud Absolute: 80 microliters (0.027% final)
 - 10% Violet Leaf Absolute: 200 microliters (0.067% final)
 - 10% Boronia Absolute: 50 microliters (0.017% final)
 - Orange Blossom Absolute: 50 microliters (0.167% final)
- **Floral Support (0.017% in balm):**
 - Neroli Essential Oil: 5 microliters (0.017% final)
- **Spice Notes (0.183% in balm):**
 - Pink Pepper Essential Oil: 15 microliters (0.05% final)
 - Coriander Essential Oil: 30 microliters (0.1% final)
- **Citrus Notes (0.234% in balm):**

- Lemon Essential Oil: 50 microliters (0.167% final)
- Lime Essential Oil: 20 microliters (0.067% final)
- **Resinous-Musk Notes (0.07% in balm):**
 - 10% Frankincense Sacra DPG Dilution: 200 microliters (0.067% final, equivalent to 20 microliters pure EO)
 - 3% Deer Musk Tincture: 30 microliters (0.003% final)
- **Carrier (Diluent in Scent Blend):**
 - Dipropylene Glycol (DPG) or Isopropyl Myristate (IPM): 300 microliters

Expected Scent Profile

On Application: A striking burst of violet leaf's dry, green, powdery floralcy, evoking a cool matte periwinkle shade, melds with black currant's tangy fruitiness, lemon's tart sparkle, and lime's zesty, green lift. Pink pepper's subtle fruity-spicy zing adds vibrancy, painting a sunlit Kyushu tea field with a crisp, floral breeze, humble yet bold.

Mid Wear (30 min - 2 hours): Violet leaf's periwinkle-like floralcy shines, supported by boronia's faint tea-like floralcy and orange blossom's understated radiance. Coriander's citrusy-spicy spark and neroli's minimal honeyed glow add Rush-like freshness, while black currant's tartness lingers, creating a tea field alive with dry violet blooms, its complexity slyly veiled by simplicity.

Dry Down (2-6+ hours): Frankincense sacra's subtle, balsamic warmth and deer musk's musky depth emerge, grounding violet leaf's powdery dryness with traces of boronia. The finish is understated, like a Scottish meadow at dusk, yet evocative, anchoring the periwinkle shade with a dry, chypre-like elegance.

Overall Performance: Purple Balm wears for 4-6 hours with subtle projection, a natural, artisanal blend centered on a dry, periwinkle-like violet note, with tart black currant, floral accents, zesty lemon-lime, and subtle resinous depth. It contrasts Peach Tea's spicy chypre with summery, floral-green vibrancy, perfect for a half-Japanese, half-Scottish teacher's rugged, bearded charm.

Preparation Instructions

1. Pre-Blend Scent Compounds:

- In a 1-2ml glass vial, combine the following in order, using separate micropipette tips:
 - 3% Deer Musk Tincture: 30 microliters
 - 10% Black Currant Bud Absolute (in IPM): 80 microliters
 - 10% Violet Leaf Absolute (in IPM): 200 microliters
 - 10% Boronia Absolute (in IPM): 50 microliters
 - Orange Blossom Absolute: 50 microliters
 - Neroli Essential Oil: 5 microliters
 - Pink Pepper Essential Oil: 15 microliters
 - Coriander Essential Oil: 30 microliters
 - Lemon Essential Oil: 50 microliters
 - Lime Essential Oil: 20 microliters
 - 10% Frankincense Sacra DPG Dilution: 200 microliters

- Add 300 microliters of Dipropylene Glycol (DPG, preferred) or Isopropyl Myristate (IPM, fallback).
 - Seal vial and roll gently for 1-2 minutes to blend, warming to 40-50°C if absolutes (black currant, violet leaf, boronia, orange blossom) are viscous.
 - Rest for 1-2 hours (or up to 24 hours for optimal melding).
 - Test on wrist, noting violet leaf's dry, periwinkle-like floralcy, black currant's tartness, lemon-lime's citrus crispness, and frankincense sacra's balsamic depth. Adjust if needed (e.g., add 10 microliters violet leaf for intensity).
2. **Melt Base:** In a double boiler, melt carnauba wax (4.5 grams) and kokum butter (9 grams) over low heat until liquid, stirring gently.
 3. **Add Squalane:** Remove from heat, add squalane (15.7 grams), and stir until blended.
 4. **Cool Slightly:** Cool to approximately 40-50°C to preserve the scent blend.
 5. **Add Scent Blend:** Add the pre-blended scent mixture (800 microliters) to the base, stirring gently to integrate.
 6. **Pour and Set:** Pour into a 30ml tin or jar while warm, cool at room temperature for 4-6 hours until solid, and seal tightly.
 7. **Test Application:** Apply a small amount to your beard, noting the prominence of violet leaf's dry, periwinkle-like note, balanced by tartness, floral accents, citrus crispness, and resinous depth. Adjust in future batches if needed.

Notes for Future Batches

- If violet leaf's dry floralcy is too subtle, increase to 220 microliters; if overpowering, reduce to 180 microliters.
- If black currant's tartness fades in the beard, increase to 100 microliters; if too strong, reduce to 60 microliters.
- If orange blossom or neroli contributes to soapiness, reduce orange blossom to 40 microliters or neroli to 0 microliters.
- If lemon-lime's citrus crispness is too faint, increase lemon to 60 microliters or lime to 30 microliters; if too intense, reduce lemon to 40 microliters and lime to 10 microliters.
- If frankincense sacra's balsamic depth feels too heavy, reduce to 150 microliters; if too subtle, increase to 250 microliters.
- Warm viscous absolutes (black currant, violet leaf, boronia, orange blossom) to 40-50°C for easier handling.
- Store black currant absolute (1.9g remaining) in the fridge; store orange blossom, neroli, pink pepper, coriander, lemon, lime, frankincense sacra in a cool, dark place.
- If DPG is unavailable, IPM is a suitable fallback, but ensure thorough mixing for absolutes.
- Test balm on skin for irritation, keeping oils/absolutes at approximately 1.04% to minimize risk.
- When osmanthus absolute arrives, consider adding 20 microliters to enhance peachy radiance, reducing black currant to 60 microliters.
- When juniper berry CO2 arrives, consider adding 20 microliters for coniferous crispness, reducing pink pepper to 10 microliters.

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