

Cola-Tonic & Vanilla Beard Balm

Here's the complete recipe for both the **Cola-Tonic** and the **Vanilla Beard Balm**, designed to work together as a Coca-Cola-inspired beard care set. The Cola-Tonic offers light conditioning with a sparkling citrus-spice scent, while the Vanilla Beard Balm provides hold, moisture, and a warm, resinous sweetness. Together, they create a layered, cola-like experience for your beard.

Cola-Tonic Recipe

The Cola-Tonic is a lightweight beard conditioner that brings bright, citrusy top notes with a hint of spice, mimicking the effervescence of Coca-Cola.

Ingredients

Ingredient	Amount	Purpose
Frankincense Resin	1.7 grams	Adds warm, balsamic depth and light hold.
Myrrh Resin	0.8 grams	Contributes earthy, slightly sweet notes and enhances shaping.
Glycerin	250 microliters (0.25 ml)	Retains moisture as a humectant.
Ethanol (95% or higher)	q.s. to 15 ml	Extracts resins, dissolves essences, and preserves the tonic.
Violet Leaf Absolute	14.39 microliters	Provides a fresh, green, sparkling note.
Bergamot Essential Oil	300 microliters	Adds a bright, citrusy top note.
Neroli Essential Oil	100 microliters	Contributes a floral, citrusy middle note.
Coriander Essential Oil	200 microliters	Offers a spicy, citrusy middle note.
Ceylon Cinnamon Essential Oil	50 microliters	Provides a warm, spicy note.
Nutmeg Absolute	100 microliters	Delivers a rich, warm, spicy base note.
Lime Essential Oil (Expressed)	50 microliters	Adds a zesty, citrusy top note.
Ginger CO2 Extract	10-15 microliters	Introduces a subtle, warm spice whisper.
Lemon Essential Oil (Organic)	50 microliters	Adds a crisp, bright citrus note.

Instructions

- Prepare the Resins:**
Grind 1.7 grams of frankincense and 0.8 grams of myrrh into a fine powder using a mortar and pestle.
- Mix with Glycerin:**
Place the ground resins into a 15 ml glass bottle. Add 250 microliters (0.25 ml) of glycerin and shake well.
- Prepare the Essence Mixture:**
In a small container, combine all essential oils and absolutes using precise pipettes.
- Add Initial Ethanol:**
Add about 5 ml of 95% ethanol to the essence mixture and stir gently.
- Combine with Resins:**
Pour the ethanol-essence mixture into the bottle with the resins and glycerin.

6. **Top Up with Ethanol:**

Slowly add more 95% ethanol until the total volume reaches 15 ml.

7. **Steep and Shake:**

Cap the bottle, shake vigorously, and let it steep for at least 24 hours, shaking occasionally.

8. **Optional Filtration:**

Filter through a fine mesh for a clearer tonic, or leave the sediment for added texture.

Usage

Apply a few drops to your beard for light conditioning and a citrus-spice scent. Shake well before use if sediment remains.

Vanilla Beard Balm Recipe

The Vanilla Beard Balm offers hold, deep conditioning, and a sweet, resinous warmth that pairs perfectly with the Cola-Tonic’s lighter notes.

Ingredients

Ingredient	Amount	Purpose
Carnauba Wax	7 grams	Provides firm hold and heat stability.
Kokum Butter	7 grams	Delivers deep conditioning with a matte finish.
Squalane (Olive-derived)	10 grams	A lightweight, odorless carrier for smooth application.
Vanilla Absolute	120 microliters	Supplies the sweet, creamy backbone of the scent.
Frankincense Resin	1 gram (ground fine)	Adds warm, resinous depth and slight tackiness.
Myrrh Resin	0.5 gram (ground fine)	Contributes earthy warmth.
Orange Blossom Absolute	50 microliters	Introduces a floral, sweet-citrus note.
Tonka Bean 20% Absolute	50 microliters	Adds sweet, vanilla-like warmth.
Benzoin Resinoid	50 microliters	Provides a balsamic, sweet base note.
Cardamom CO2 Extract	10-15 microliters	Offers a subtle, warm spice whisper.

Instructions

1. **Prepare the Resins:**

Grind 1 gram of frankincense and 0.5 gram of myrrh into a fine powder.

2. **Melt the Base:**

In a double boiler, combine 7 grams of carnauba wax, 7 grams of kokum butter, and 10 grams of squalane. Heat gently until fully melted.

3. **Add Resins and Essences:**

Stir the ground resins into the melted base, then add all essential oils and absolutes. Mix thoroughly.

4. **Pour and Cool:**

Pour the mixture into a 30 ml tin and let it cool at room temperature until solid (1-2 hours).

Usage

Warm a small amount between your fingers and work it through your beard for hold, moisture, and a warm, resinous scent.

Using Them Together

For the full Coca-Cola-inspired beard care experience:

1. **Start with Cola-Tonic:**

Shake well and massage a few drops into your beard for light conditioning and a citrus-spice lift.

2. **Finish with Vanilla Beard Balm:**

Warm a small amount and apply it for hold, moisture, and a sweet, resinous depth.

This duo layers the tonic's bright, effervescent notes with the balm's warm, vanilla-rich finish, creating a cohesive scent reminiscent of classic cola. Enjoy your custom beard care routine!