

# Coca-Cola-Inspired Beard Care: Tonic and Balm

This recipe page provides detailed instructions for crafting two complementary beard care products: a **Beard Tonic** and a **Vanilla Beard Balm**. Inspired by the iconic scent profile of Coca-Cola, these products work together to create a unique grooming experience. The tonic offers a light, fragrant conditioning effect, while the balm provides hold, moisture, and a deeper, resinous sweetness. Together, they capture the essence of cola's citrus-spice-resin character.

## Beard Tonic Recipe

The beard tonic serves as a lightweight, fragrant base that mimics the sparkling, citrus-forward top notes of Coca-Cola. It provides light conditioning and a subtle scent lift, setting the stage for the balm's deeper, sweeter profile.

### Ingredients

Ingredient	Amount	Purpose
Frankincense Resin	6 grams	Adds warm, balsamic depth and a resinous texture for light hold.
Myrrh Resin	3 grams	Contributes earthy, slightly sweet notes and enhances shaping.
Glycerin	250 microliters (0.25 ml)	Acts as a humectant to retain moisture and help dissolve resins.
Ethanol (95% or higher)	~5.7 ml (adjust to 15 ml total)	Dissolves resins and essences; acts as a preservative.
Violet Leaf Absolute	14.39 microliters	Provides a fresh, green, sparkling note to mimic cola's effervescence.
Bergamot Essential Oil	300 microliters	Adds a bright, citrusy top note, echoing cola's orange and lime hints.
Neroli Essential Oil	100 microliters	Contributes a floral, slightly citrusy middle note for complexity.
Coriander Essential Oil	200 microliters	Offers a spicy, citrusy middle note, aligning with cola's spice blend.
Ceylon Cinnamon Essential Oil	50 microliters	Provides a warm, spicy note reminiscent of cola's cinnamon undertone.
Nutmeg Absolute	100 microliters	Delivers a rich, warm, spicy base note for depth.
Lime Essential Oil (Expressed)	50 microliters	Adds a zesty, citrusy top note to enhance the cola-inspired freshness.
Ginger CO2 Extract	10-15 microliters	Introduces a subtle, warm spice whisper for complexity.
Lemon Essential Oil (Organic)	50 microliters	Adds a crisp, bright citrus note to complete the cola citrus trio.

### Instructions

- Prepare the Resins:**  
Grind 6 grams of frankincense and 3 grams of myrrh into a coarse powder using a mortar and pestle. This increases surface area for partial dissolution.

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**2. Mix Resins with Glycerin:**

Place the ground resins into a 15 ml glass bottle. Add 250 microliters (0.25 ml) of glycerin and shake well to moisten the resins.

**3. Prepare the Essence Mixture:**

In a small container, combine the following using pipettes:

- Violet leaf absolute: 14.39 microliters
- Bergamot EO: 300 microliters
- Neroli EO: 100 microliters
- Coriander EO: 200 microliters
- Ceylon cinnamon EO: 50 microliters
- Nutmeg absolute: 100 microliters
- Lime EO: 50 microliters
- Ginger CO2: 10-15 microliters
- Lemon EO: 50 microliters

Stir gently to blend the essences.

**4. Combine with Ethanol:**

Add ~5.7 ml of ethanol to the essence mixture, adjusting to ensure the total liquid volume (ethanol + glycerin + essences) is approximately 6.764 ml. Stir or shake to incorporate.

**5. Add to Resins:**

Pour the ethanol-essence mixture into the 15 ml bottle with resins and glycerin. If the liquid level is below 15 ml, top up with additional ethanol to reach 15 ml.

**6. Steep and Shake:**

Cap the bottle and shake vigorously. Let it steep for at least 24 hours, shaking occasionally to aid dissolution.

**7. Optional Filtration:**

For a clearer tonic, filter through a fine mesh or cheesecloth after steeping. Retaining sediment adds texture for light hold—your choice.

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## Vanilla Beard Balm Recipe

The vanilla beard balm provides hold, deep conditioning, and a warm, resinous sweetness that complements the tonic's citrus-spice lift. It's designed to work synergistically with the tonic, creating a full Coca-Cola-inspired scent experience.

Ingredients

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

Instructions

- 1. Prepare the Resins:**  
Grind 1 gram of frankincense and 0.5 gram of myrrh into a fine powder using a mortar and pestle.
- 2. Melt the Base:**  
In a double boiler (or a pan with water and a heat-safe beaker), combine 7 grams of carnauba wax, 7 grams of kokum butter, and 10 grams of squalane. Heat gently until fully melted, stirring occasionally.
- 3. Add Resins and Essences:**  
Stir the ground resins into the melted base. Then, add the following essences:
  - Vanilla absolute: 120 microliters
  - Orange blossom absolute: 50 microliters
  - Tonka bean 20% absolute: 50 microliters
  - Benzoin resinoid: 50 microliters
  - Cardamom CO2: 10-15 microlitersMix thoroughly to ensure even distribution.
- 4. Pour and Cool:**  
Remove from heat and pour the mixture into a 30 ml tin. Let it cool at room temperature until solid (about 1-2 hours).

Using the Tonic and Balm Together

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

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1. **Apply the Beard Tonic First:**

Shake well and apply a few drops to your beard. Massage in for light conditioning and to introduce the sparkling, citrus-spice top notes.

2. **Follow with the Vanilla Beard Balm:**

Warm a small amount of balm between your fingers and work it through your beard for hold, moisture, and the deeper, resinous sweetness.

This combination creates a layered scent profile: the tonic's bright citrus and spice mimic cola's effervescence, while the balm's vanilla, resins, and subtle spice provide a warm, lingering finish—much like the depth of a classic cola.

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## Scent Profile and Cola Inspiration

- **Tonic:** The violet leaf, citrus (lime, bergamot, lemon), and spices (ginger, coriander, cinnamon, nutmeg) create a fresh, sparkling effect reminiscent of cola's initial fizz and citrus-spice burst.
- **Balm:** Vanilla, orange blossom, tonka, benzoin, and cardamom add a warm, resinous sweetness that echoes cola's deeper, caramel-like undertones.

Together, these products offer a unique grooming experience that captures the essence of Coca-Cola while providing excellent beard care.