

Beeswax Recipes

General

These are some basic recipes to which other elements (eg. scent, colour) can be added. Base recipes are a mixture of two or three basic ingredients - beeswax, an oil and water. The oil can be either organic (olive, almond, coconut, etc.) or mineral (FGMO/ Liquid paraffin). If a mineral oil is used the mixture will have a very long shelf life. If an organic oil is used an anti-oxidant (normally vitamin E oil) will probably also be needed to give a good shelf life.

If water is added to produce an emulsion this can be done by simply whisking, though over time some separation will occur. If a long shelf life is desired a chemical emulsificant (usually borax) can be used.

Slightly adjusting the proportion of wax to oil will change the "softness" of the product. Beeswax is inflammable and will degrade at high temperatures so melting should be done over a water bath.

Beeswax Hand Cream

Heat 50 g of beeswax in a double saucepan (over water), when melted stir in 150 g liquid paraffin (FGMO). Dissolve 3 g borax in 130 ml of warm water and pour into wax mixture which will immediately begin to turn to white. Stir briskly until mixture thickens.

Beeswax Hand Cream

Heat 7 g beeswax and 60 ml almond oil in a double saucepan (over water) until the mixture melts. Slowly stir in 30 ml water. Keep stirring while the cream cools until mixture has thickened (water will separate if kept too long).

Beeswax "Vaseline"

Heat 30 g beeswax and 100 ml liquid paraffin (FGMO) in a double saucepan (over water) until the mixture melts. Pour into container and leave to cool.

Beeswax Shoe Polish

Heat 20 g beeswax and 45 ml liquid paraffin (FGMO) in a double saucepan (over water) until the mixture melts add pigment if desired. Pour into container and leave to cool.

Beeswax Furniture Polish

Melt 100 g. of beeswax in a double pan (over water). The solvent can be turpentine, turps substitute or white spirit or a 50/50 mix of turps and white spirit. Pour 250 ml of warmed solvent into wax and stir thoroughly.