



These ingredients are used in the Certificate in Making Natural Skincare Products.

You certainly don't need to buy everything; we suggest that you read through the recipe files and ingredients information first and decide which products you'd like to make.

We have indicated within each category of ingredient how many you could start with. You can always buy more later.

CARRIER OILS

- Apricot kernel
- Avocado
- Borage
- Castor
- Evening primrose
- Hazelnut
- Hemp
- Jojoba
- Macadamia
- Olive squalane
- Peach kernel
- Pomegranate
- Raspberry seed
- Rice bran
- Rosehip
- Sesame
- Shea butter oil
- Sunflower
- Sweet almond

You can start with five oils of your choice.

BUTTERS/WAXES

- Shea butter
- Cocoa butter
- Coconut oil (solid)
- Mango butter
- Beeswax
- Candelilla wax
- Jojoba wax
- Almond wax
- Carnauba wax

You can start with one or two waxes and one or two butters of your choice.





EMULSIFIERS

- Olivem 1000 (INCI: Cetearyl Olivate, Sorbitan Olivate)
- Xyliance (INCI: Cetearyl Wheat Straw Glucosides (and) Cetearyl Alcohol)
- ECOMulse/NatraMulse/ RitaMulse SCG (INCI: Glyceryl Stearate (and) Cetearyl Alcohol (and) Sodium Stearoyl Lactylate)
- Montanov 68 MB/Vegetal/ SugarMulse (INCI: Cetearyl Alcohol (and) Cetearyl Glucoside)

You can start with one or experiment with more than one.

THICKENERS/ STABILIZERS

- Xanthan gum
- Cetyl alcohol

Both are needed to create stable emulsions.

ANTIOXIDANTS/ EXTRACTS

- Vitamin E
- Rosemary antioxidant
- Calendula infused oil
- St John's wort oil
- Calendula C02 extract
- Other optional extracts

You can start with Vitamin E.

PRESERVATIVES

Preservatives permitted in certified organic products:

Preservative Eco (INCI: Benzyl Alcohol, Salicylic Acid, Glycerine, Sorbic Acid) from Aromantic (UK). Also sold under different trade names: Geogard™ ECT available from Voyageur Soap and Candle Company (USA) and Plantaserv M available from New Directions (Australia).

Geogard Ultra (INCI: Gluconolactone (and) Sodium Benzoate) from the Soap Kitchen (UK), sold as Microguard by The Herbarie (USA) – a powder that is dissolved in the water phase of a cream.

Geogard 221 (INCI: Benzyl Alcohol (and) Dehydroacetic Acid) from Plush Folly (UK), Making Cosmetics (USA) and Go Native (NZ).





Benzoin



Sandalwood



Sweet orange



Ylang ylang

PRESERVATIVES (CONT.)

Other popular preservatives (paraben free) are:

- Germall Plus Liquid
 (INCI: Propylene Glycol
 (and) Diazolidinyl Urea
 (and) Iodopropynyl
 Butylcarbamate) from
 Gracefruit (UK) and the
 Herbarie (USA).
- Preservative 12 (INCI: Phenoxyethanol (and Ethylhexylglycerin) from Aromantic, UK. Also sold under different trade names: Euxyl® PE 9010 (from Lotioncrafter, USA), Phenoxyethanol EHG (from Soap Kitchen, UK), and Gracefruit® Preservative POG (from Gracefruit, UK).
- Optiphen or GFphen PCG (INCI: Phenoxyethanol (and) Caprylyl Glycol).

You can start with one or experiment with more than one.

ESSENTIAL OILS

- Benzoin
- Bergamot
- Frankincense
- Geranium
- Grapefruit
- Lavender
- Lemongrass
- Myrrh
- Patchouli
- Peppermint
- Rosemary
- Sandalwood
- Sweet orange
- Ylang ylang

You can start with three to five essential oils of your choice.

CLAYS

- French green clay
- Rhassoul clay
- White cosmetic clay (kaolin clay)
- Fullers earth
- Pink clay

You can start with one or two clays of your choice.





EXFOLIATING AGENTS AND OTHER POWDERED INGREDIENTS

- Ground rice
- Ground almonds
- Jojoba beads
- Bamboo powder
- Milk/yoghurt
- Cacao/raw cocoa powder

You can start with jojoba beads or bamboo powder to create a cleansing lotion.

WATER/ HUMECTANTS/TONER INGREDIENTS

- Flower water (hydrolats/ hydrosols)
- Distilled/deionized water
- Aloe vera juice/liquid
- Witch hazel
- Glycerin
- Panthenol
- Allantoin

We recommend starting with aloe vera juice, distilled/ deionized water and glycerin plus a hydrosol.





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