
Make your own all-natural red lip balm with this easy recipe from in-house crafter Kristin St. Clair.

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons grated beeswax
- 5 teaspoons carrier oil (such as castor, sunflower, or jojoba)
- 1 teaspoon vitamin E oil
- 1 teaspoon carmine (natural red) coloring oil
- 6 or 7 drops essential oil (such as vanilla)

Tools and Materials

- Double boiler
- Mixing stick or spoon
- Lip balm tubes, pots, or tins
- Pouring tray with plastic scraper (optional)
- Decorative paper
- 2-inch-wide clear packing tape

Note: To make colorless lip balm, substitute carmine oil with an additional teaspoon of carrier oil

Instructions:

1. Melt beeswax, carrier oil, vitamin E oil, and coloring oil together in a double boiler, stirring to combine. Add essential oil right before removing from boiler to pour.
2. Pour mixture into lip balm containers. Let cool for about an hour. If using a pouring tray, scrape away excess and smooth tops with plastic scraper.
3. To make labels, cut a scrap of decorative paper to the size of container. Place paper facedown on a piece of clear 2-inchwide packing tape. Cut packing tape to width of paper strip, and trim so tape is about 1/2 inch longer than paper on both ends. Wrap tape with paper around tube or pot.

Resources:

Lip balm ingredients available from tkbtrading.com. Lip balm tubes, pots, tins, and pouring trays available from sksbottle.com. Essential oils and vitamin E oil available from Whole Body or other drug stores