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ESSENTIAL OILS

HISTORY OF AROMATHERAPY

For thousands of years, plants have been used for healing and improving health. Oils from plants were used in embalming, as offerings to the gods in the temples, as aromatic and massage oils in the bath houses by the Greeks and Romans and in the Middle East, plants were used widely for their medicinal and therapeutic properties. Oils and aromatic medicines were brought to Europe from the Middle East and aromatherapy was developed during the Middle Ages in Europe into one of the most sought-after forms of natural healing.

WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL OILS

Essential oils occur widely in the plant kingdom, they are minute drops of liquid occurring in glands, hairs or veins of flowers, leaves, seeds, bark and wood, resin, roots or fruit peel of the plant. These liquids give the plant its very specific scent and are a mixture of complex, organic compounds. They are mostly extracted by steam distillation or cold pressed. When they are extracted, they are highly concentrated and volatile, which means that they turn quickly from a liquid into a gas at room temperature and higher.

HOW ESSENTIAL OILS WORK

Essential oils enter the body by the skin and the nose and they leave the body efficiently leaving no toxins behind. When inhaled, essential oils come into contact with the olfactory system located in the nose and behind the eyes. Oils are also absorbed quite easily through the pores and hair follicles in the skin, directly into the blood stream. They have a positive effect on blood circulation, helping to bring oxygen and nutrients to the tissues while assisting in the disposal of carbon dioxide and other waste materials. This is called aromatherapy, a holistic way of addressing the mind, body and soul. Essential oils have a therapeutic effect on the skin, circulation, muscles and joints, the respiratory system, the digestive system, the genito-urinary and endocrine systems, the immune system, nervous system and the mind

GUIDELINES WHEN USING ESSENTIAL OILS

Because essential oils are highly concentrated, it is important to follow the recommended dosages. More is not better, on the contrary it can have an adverse effect. The difference in the effect between one and two drops can be substantial.

1. GENERAL CAUTIONS

- . Do not take internally.
- · Keep out of reach of children.
- Avoid using essential oil near eyes and other sensitive areas.
- Always read the precautions and contra-indications on the bottle before using.
- · Use only 100% essential oils.
- · Keep oils away from any naked flame.
- · Store oils well-sealed in a cool, dark place.
- Never use neat.

2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Pregnancy

Use essential oils in half the usual stated amount. Take note of the following essential oils to be avoided during pregnancy: Basil, Cedar, Aurantiumwood, Clary sage, Clove, Cypress, Fennel, Jasmine, Juniper, Lemongrass, Marjoram, Peppermint. Rosemary and Thyme.

· High Blood Pressure

Avoid the following oils in cases of high blood pressure: Hyssop, Rosemary, Sage (all types) and Thyme.

Epilepsy

Avoid the following oils: Fennel, Hyssop, Rosemary and Sage.

Kidnev Disease

Avoid the following oils: Sage, Thyme, Cypress and Rosemary oil.

. Drinking Alcohol

Do not use Clary sage.

Depression

Do not use Hops.

· Newborn babies

Do not use essential oils on newborn babies.

· Photo-sensitization

(Increasing the risk of sunburn) Do not use the following oils before going outdoors or into the sun: Bergamot, Ginger, Lemon, Lemon verbena, Lime, Mandarin and Orange.

Sensitive skins

The following oils should not be used on sensitive skins: Basil, Fennel, Lemongrass, Lemon, Lemon verbena, Melissa, Orange, Peppermint and Thyme.

Driving

If having to drive a long distance after a massage, do not use Clary sage, Marjoram or Ylang ylang. These oils can cause drowsiness.

3. DOSAGES

Babies and Children: Use with care, in accordance with age.

. Babies (3 - 12 months)

Use 1 drop of lavender, rose, chamomile or mandarin diluted in 1 teaspoon base oil for massage or bathing.

· Infants (1 - 5 years)

Use 2 - 3 drops of 'safe' essential oils (non-toxic and non-irritant to the skin), diluted in 1 teaspoon base oil for massage or bathing.

· Children (6 - 12 years)

Use as for adults but in half the stated amount.

· Teenagers (over 12 years)

Use as directed for adults.

4. METHODS OF APPLICATION

There are various ways to administer aromatherapy oils, namely:

Aromatherapy Massage

Blend your chosen essential oils into your choice of carrier oil, and massage in firm, sweeping strokes. There are also other ways to massage which makes it much more relaxing and enjoyable and these methods are described in various other forms of literature.

Inhalation

Add 5 - 7 drops of essential oils into a bowl of steaming hot water. Create a tent by placing a towel over the head to capture the steam. Close your eyes and inhale until the water cools and you stop smelling the oil. Repeat these steps every four hours, if necessary.

Humidifier

Add 3 - 9 drops of your chosen essential oils into the water of the humidifier and run overnight, or add the essential oils two or three times a day, if running continuously.

Bath

Add 5 - 10 drops of your chosen essential oils to a bath of warm water and swish to disperse in the water.

Compress

For an effective way to ease pain of strained muscles or menstrual cramps etc., add 4 - 7 drops of essential oils to a bowl of warm water. Swish the surface of the water with a cloth, wring out the cloth and apply to the affected area while still warm. Repeat when cloth cools.

· Facial Steam

Add 5 - 6 drops of your chosen essential oils into a pot of steaming hot water. Create a tent by placing a towel over the head to capture the steam. Make sure not to lean to close to the steam or you will scald yourself. Keep your face in the steam tent for about 5 minutes and then rinse your face with cool water.

· Facial Masque

Add 3 - 5 drops of your chosen essential oils to moistened clay, honey, mashed avocado, egg white etc. Apply to face and leave to absorb for 15 - 30 minutes. Rinse off with warm water.

5. BENEFITS OF AROMATHERAPY MASSAGE

The purpose of aromatherapy massage is to aid the penetration of essential oils into the body and to treat problem areas. Massage can be stimulating or relaxing depending on the oils used and the technique applied. It is an effective way to relieve stress, anxiety and tension. Aromatherapy massage combines the balancing properties of the essential oils with the relaxing benefits of touch. As the oils are absorbed into the skin and the muscles relax, the therapeutic benefits manifest

themselves. Psychologically, massage promotes a wonderful feeling of lightness and wellbeing. Massage is a valuable gift to give a friend and not only soothes the mind and body but it has numerous other benefits

A good aromatherapy massage will:

- · Increase metabolism
- · Speed up the healing process
- · Enhance the removal of toxins
- · Increase muscle and joint mobility
- · Improve skin tone
- · Aid relaxation by calming the nervous system
- · Improve circulation of blood and lymph
- · Relieve mental and physical tiredness
- · Reduce aches, pains, spasms and stiffness
- · Improve digestion.

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AILMENTS CHART

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TREATMENT ABBREVIATIONS

AM	Abdominal massage	В	Bath	C	Compress
CC	Cold compress	CM	Chest massage	CR	Cream
CWB	Cottonwool balls	FB	Footbath	FM	Face massage
FR	Friction rub massage	НВ	Hand bath	HC	Hot compress
H&CC	Hot and cold compress	H&FB	Hand and footbath	H&FM	Hand and foot massage
HG	Hot gargle or mouthwash	ICC	Ice cold compress	L	Lotion
M	Massage	N	Neat	P	Perfume
PP	Pulse Point massage	RS	Room spray	SB	Skin brushing
SzB	Sitz Bath	SI	Steam Inhalation	SM	Scalp Massage
SFS	Spritz facial spray	ThB	Therapeutic Bath	TI	Tissue inhalation

AILMENT	ESSENTIAL OIL THAT MAY ASSIST	TREATMENT
Abdominal pain	Peppermint, Chamomile, Marjoram, Fennel	M, B
Abscesses	Lavender, Tea tree, Chamomile	HC
Dental Abscess	Tea tree, Lavender	HG
Acne	Patchouli, Lavender, Roman chamomile, Rose geranium / Geranium blend	FM
Anxiety & Stress	Basil, Sandalwood, Bergamot, Frankincense, Cypress, Lavender, Neroli, Patchouli, Orange, Rose	B, M, TI, P, PP
Arthritis & Rheumatism	Cypress, Fennel, Lemon, Ginger, Frankincense, Eucalyptus, Pine, Lavender, Rosemary	ThB, SI, M, H&CC
Athlete's foot	Tea tree, Lavender, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Patchouli	FB
Backache	Chamomile, Lavender, Frankincense	M, B
Billious attack	Rosemary, Fennel	N
Black eye	Lavender	CC
Bleeding (external)	Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Lemon, Chamomile, Cypress	ICC
Blisters	Chamomile, Lavender	N, SS, ICC
Broken capillaries	Chamomile, Cypress, Rose, Lavender, Lemon	B, M, C
Bruises	Lavender, Fennel, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Cypress	M, ICC

AILMENT	ESSENTIAL OIL THAT MAY ASSIST	TREATMENT
Bunions	Chamomile, Melissa, Peppermint, Lavender, Cypress, Lemon	FB, M, H&CC
Burns	Lavender	N, SS, ICC
Cellulite	Cypress, Lavender, Fennel, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Grapefruit, Rosemary	M, SB
Chapped lips	Chamomile, Rose geranium / Geranium blend	CR
Circulation & chilblains	Cypress, Ginger, Rosemary, Marjoram, Eucalyptus, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Lavender	H&FB, H&FM
Colds and flu	Lemon, Eucalyptus, Tea tree, Pine, Thyme	THB, RS, TI
Cold sores (herpes)	Melissa, Bergamot, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Lavender, Tea tree, Patchouli	N, C, L
Constipation & digestive problems	Rosemary, Lemon, Peppermint, Lemongrass, Orange (slow digestion)	C, AM
Corns	Lemon	N
Coughs	Eucalyptus, Thyme	SI, CM
Cystitis	Sandalwood, Bergamot, Tea tree	AM, SB
Dandruff	Cedarwood, Lavender, Rosemary, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Tea tree, Sandalwood	HC, SM
Dermatitis & psoriasis	Frankincense, Chamomile, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Lavender, Rosewood, Bergamot	B, M, C, L, CR

Diarrhoea	Peppermint, Eucalyptus, Chamomile, Tea tree, Lavender, Rose geranium / Geranium blend	AM
Earache	Chamomile, Lavender, Tea tree	CWB
Eczema (dry)	Chamomile, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Patchouli	B, M, C, L, CR
Eczema (weeping)	Bergamot, Juniper, Melissa	B, C, L, CR
Fatigue	Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Peppermint, Rosemary, Basil, Clary sage	B, FB, TI
Fluid retention	Cypress, Fennel, Grapefruit, Juniper, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Bergamot	C, L, THB
Foot blisters	Chamomile, Lavender, Tea tree	N
Fungal infection	Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Lemongrass, Tea tree, Lavender, Patchouli	HB, P, L, C
Haemorrhoids	Patchouli, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Chamomile	C, SB
Hair loss	Lavender, Rosemary, Clary sage, Ylang ylang	SM
Halitosis	Peppermint, Lemon, Tea, tree, Lavender, Thyme	HG
Hay fever	Chamomile, Lemon, Lavender	SI, P, PP
Headaches (migraines)	Lavender, Lemongrass, Marjoram, Peppermint, Rose, Rosewood, Vetivert	P, PP
Hiccups	Lavender, Lemon	FR, TI, M (abdomen, throat & solar plexus)

AILMENT	ESSENTIAL OIL THAT MAY ASSIST	TREATMENT
High blood pressure	Bergamot, Cedarwood, Citronella, Clary sage, Frankincense, Lavender, Lemon	М
Indigestion	Peppermint, Ginger, Lemongrass	AM
Inflammation	Sweet marjoram, Lavender, Eucalyptus, Peppermint, Rosemary, Thyme, Clary sage, Juniper, Ginger, Frankincense, Vetivert	TB, M, H&CC, SI
Insomnia	Lavender, Orange, Lemon, Mandarin, Rose, Sandalwood, Vetivert, Ylang ylang, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Neroli, Jasmine	TI, M, B
Itching skin	Chamomile, Cedarwood, Bergamot, Lavender, Patchouli, Lime	B, M, L
Mosquito repellent	Eucalyptus, Peppermint, Citronella, Rose geranium / Geranium blend	RS, L
Muscular aches	Rosemary, Eucalyptus, Basil, Lavender, Clary sage	M, B, C
Muscular stiffness	Rosemary, Neroli, Melissa, Cypress, Peppermint	M, B, C
Muscular tone	Lavender, Lemongrass, Marjoram, Neroli	M, B, C
Nausea	Peppermint, Basil, Fennel, Ginger	M, SI
PMT	Clary sage, Orange, Lemon, Chamomile, Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Neroli, Mandarin	M, B
Respiratory congestion	Rosemary, Eucalyptus, Frankincense, Pine, Chamomile, Patchouli	M, TI
Shingles	Rose geranium / Geranium blend, Bergamot, Chamomile	N, C

Sinusitis	Rosemary, Eucalyptus, Peppermint, Lemon, Pine	SI, P, PP
Smelly feet	Cedarwood, Cypress, Citronella	P, FB, CWB (in shoes)
Snoring	Thyme	FR
Sore throat	Eucalyptus, Lime, Tea tree, Thyme, Frankincense	SI, M, HG (throat & neck)
Sprains	Eucalyptus, Chamomile, Lavender	C
Sunburn	Lavender, Peppermint, Tea tree, Chamomile	SS, CC (on head)
Toothache	Chamomile, Lemon, Peppermint, Tea tree	HG
Varicose veins	Cypress, Lemon, Rosemary, Lavender, Rose geranium / Geranium blend	M, C, B
Warts	Lemon, Lavender	N







ESSENTIAL & CARRIER OILS CHART

WHAT AILMENTS EACH ESSENTIAL & CARRIER OIL TREATS

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ESSENTIAL OIL	MAY ASSIST WITH
Arnica Arnica montana	Use under the guidance of an Aromatherapist. Sprains, bruises, rheumatic pain and painful inflammatory skin conditions on unbroken skin. Muscular aches and pains.
Basil Ocimum basilicum	Insect bites (mosquito, wasp), insect repellent. Gout, muscular aches and pains, rheumatism. Bronchitis, coughs, earache, sinusitis. Dyspepsia, flatulence, nausea. Cramps, scanty periods. Colds, fever, 'flu, infectious disease. Anxiety, depression, fatigue, insomnia, migraine, Nervous tension. Best aromatic nerve tonic: It clears the head, relieves intellectual fatigue and gives the mind strength and clarity.
Benzoin Styrax benzoin	Cuts, chapped skin, inflamed and irritated conditions. Arthritis, gout, poor circulation, rheumatism. Asthma, bronchitis, chills, colic, cough, laryngitis. 'Flu, nervous tension, stress related complaints. It warms and tones the heart and circulation, both physically and metaphorically.
Bergamot Citrus bergamia	Acne, boils, cold sores, eczema, insect repellent and insect bites, oil complexion, psoriasis, scabies, spots, varicose ulcers, wounds. Halitosis, mouth infections, sore throat, tonsillitis. Flatulence, loss of appetite. Cystitis, leucorrhoea, pruritis (severe itching without a rash), thrush. Colds, fever, 'flu, infectious diseases. Anxiety, depression, stress related conditions, having a refreshing and uplifting quality.
Black Pepper Piper nigrum	Fungal infections, infections ('flu, dysentery and toothache), fatigue, arthritis, digestive problems (diarrhoea, heartburn, nausea, flatulence, indigestion, colic). Muscle and nerve pain, toothache, sprains, boosts metabolism, viruses, vomiting, vertigo, stimulates endocrine system.

Cajeput Melaleuca cajeputi	Insect bites, oily skin and spots. Arthritis, rheumatism. Asthma, colds, catarrh, coughs, sinusitis, headaches, throat infections, chronic laryngitis and bronchitis, viral infections. Toothache, sore and aching muscles, fever (cholera), various skin diseases. To expel roundworm. Cystitis, urethritis, urinary infection. Western herbal tradition, known for producing a sensation of warmth and quickening the pulse.
Camphor Cinnamomum camphora	White camphor can be used for: Acne, inflammation, oily conditions, spots, also for insect prevention (flies, moths etc.). Arthritis, muscular aches and pains, rheumatism, sprains etc. Bronchitis, chills, coughs, colds, fever, 'flu infectious disease.
Caraway Carum carvi	Colds, Bronchitis, coughs, laryngitis, dyspepsia, colic, flatulence, gastric spasm, nervous indigestion, poor appetite.
Carrot Seed Daucus carota	Dermatitis, eczema, psoriasis, rashes, revitalizing and toning, mature complexions, wrinkles. Accumulation of toxins, arthritis, gout, oedema, rheumatism. Anaemia, anorexia, colic, indigestion, liver congestion. Amenorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea, glandular problems. PMT.
Cedarwood Cedrus atlantica	Acne, dandruff, dermatitis, eczema, fungal infections, greasy skin, hair loss, skin eruptions, ulcers. Arthritis and rheumatism. Bronchitis, catarrh, congestion, coughs. Cystitis, leucorrhoea, pruritis (severe itching with no rash). Nervous tension and stress related conditions.

ESSENTIAL OIL	MAY ASSIST WITH
Chamomile Ger. Matricaria recutita	Acne, allergies, boils, burns, cuts, chilblains, dermatitis, ear-ache, eczema, hair care, inflammations, insect bites, rashes, sensitive skin, teething pain, toothache, wounds. Arthritis, inflamed joints, muscular pain, neuralgia, rheumatism, sprains. Dyspepsia, colic, indigestion, nausea. Dysmenorrhoea, (painful cramps during menstruation) menopausal problems, menorrhagia (heavy and prolonged bleeding during menstrual cycle). Headache, insomnia, nervous tension, migraine and stress-related complaints.
Chamomile Rom. Chamaemelum nobile	Acne, allergies, boils, burns, cuts, chilblains, dermatitis, ear-ache, eczema, hair care, inflammations, insect bites, rashes, sensitive skin, teething pain, toothache, wounds. Arthritis, inflamed joints, muscular pain, neuralgia, rheumatism, sprains. Dyspepsia, colic, indigestion, nausea. Dysmenorrhoea, (painful cramps during menstruation) menopausal problems, menorrhagia (heavy and prolonged bleeding during menstrual cycle). Headache, insomnia, nervous tension, migraine and stress-related complaints.
Cinnamon leaf Cinnamomum zeylanicum	Lice, scabies, tooth and gum care, warts and wasp stings. Poor circulation, rheumatism. Anorexia, colitis, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, intestinal infection, sluggish digestion, spasm. Childbirth (stimulates contractions), frigidity, leucorrhoea (vaginal discharge), metrorrhagia (uterine bleeding occurring at irregular intervals), scanty periods. Chills, colds, 'flu, infectious diseases. Debility, nervous exhaustion and stress-related conditions.
Citronella Cymbopogon nardus	Excessive perspiration, oily skin, insect repellent. Colds, 'flu and minor infections. Fatigue, headaches, migraine, neuralgia.

Clove Leaf Syzygium aromaticum	Acne, athlete's foot, bruises, burns, cuts, insect repellent (mosquito), toothache, ulcers, wounds. Arthritis, rheumatism, sprains. Asthma, bronchitis, colic, dyspepsia, nausea. Colds, 'flu, minor infections
Coriander Coriandrum sativum	Accumulation of fluids or toxins, arthritis, gout, muscular aches and pain, poor circulation, rheumatism, stiffness. Anorexia, colic, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, flatulence, nausea, piles, spasm. Colds, 'flu, infections (general), measles. Debility, migraine, neuralgia, nervous exhaustion.
Clary Sage Salvia sclarea	Acne, boils, dandruff, hair loss, inflamed conditions, oily skin and hair, opthalmia (inflammation of the eye), ulcers and wrinkles. High Blood Pressure, muscular aches and pains. Asthma, throat infections, whooping cough. Colic cramp, dyspepsia, flatulence. Amenorrhoea (absence of a menstrual period), labour pain, dysmenorrhoea (painful menstrual cramps), leucorrhoea (vagina discharge).
Cypress Cupressus sempervirens	Haemorrhoids, oily and over-hydrated skin, excessive perspiration, insect repellent, pyorrhoea (bleeding of the gums), varicose veins, wounds. Cellulitis, Muscular cramp, oedema, poor circulation, rheumatism. Asthma, bronchitis, spasmodic coughing. Dysmenorrhoea(painful cramps during menstruation), menopausal problems, menorrhagia (heavy and prolonged bleeding during menstrual cycle). Nervous tension and stress-related conditions.
Eucalyptus Eucalyptus globulus	Burns, blisters, cuts, herpes, insect bites, insect repellent, lice, skin infections, wounds. Muscular aches and pains, poor circulation, rheumatoid arthritis, sprains etc. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, coughs, sinusitis, throat infections. Cystitis, leucorrhoea (vaginal discharge). Chickenpox, colds, epidemics, 'flu, measles. Debility, headaches, neuralgia.

ESSENTIAL OIL	MAY ASSIST WITH
Fennel Foeniculum vulgare	Bruises, dull, oily, mature complexions, pyorrhoea (inflammation of the gum and tooth sockets). Cellulitis, obesity, oedema, rheumatism. Asthma, Bronchitis, anorexia, colic, constipation, dyspepsia, flatulence, hiccough, nausea, Amenorrhoea, insufficient milk in nursing mothers, menopausal problems.
Frankincense Boswellia serrata	Blemishes, dry and mature complexions, scars, wounds, wrinkles. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, coughs, laryngitis. Cystitis, dysmenorrhoea (painful cramps during menstruation), leucorrhoea (vaginal discharge), metorrhagia (heavy and prolonged bleeding during menstrual cycle). Colds, 'flu. Anxiety, nervous tension and stress-related conditions. Frankincense has the ability to slow down and deepen the breath.
Geranium Blend Pelargonium graveolens	Acne, bruises, broken capillaries, burns, congested skin, cuts, dermatitis, eczema, haemorrhoids, lice, oily complexion, mature skin, mosquito repellent, ringworm, ulcers and wounds. Cellulitis, engorgement, of breasts, oedema, poor circulation. Sore throat, tonsillitis. Adrenocortical glands and menopausal problems, PMT. Nervous tension, neuralgia and stress-related conditions.
Ginger Zingiber officinale	Arthritis, fatigue, muscular aches and pains, poor circulation, rheumatism, sprains, strains etc. Catarrh, congestion, coughs, sinusitis, sore throat. Diarrhoea, colic, cramp, flatulence, indigestion, loss of appetite, nausea, travel sickness. Chills, colds, 'flu, fever, infectious diseases. Debility, nervous exhaustion.
Grapefruit Citrus paradisi	Acne, congested and oily skin, promotes hair growth, tones the skin and tissues. Cellulitis, exercise preparation, muscle fatigue, obesity, stiffness, water retention. Chills, colds, 'flu. Depression, headaches, nervous exhaustion, performance stress.

Jasmine blend Jasminum officinale	Dry, greasy, irritated, sensitive skin. Muscular spasm, sprains. Catarrh, coughs, hoarseness, laryngitis. Dysmenorrhoea, frigidity, labour pains, uterine disorders. Depression, nervous exhaustion and stress-related conditions. It produces a feeling of optimism, confidence and euphoria. It is most useful in cases where there is apathy, indifference and listlessness.
Juniper Juniperus communis	Acne, dermatitis, eczema, hair loss, haemorrhoids, oily complexions, as a skin toner, wounds. Accumulation of toxins, arteriosclerosis, cellulitis, gout, obesity, Rheumatism. Colds, 'flu, infections. Amenorrhoea (absence of menstrual period), cystitis, dysmenorrhoea (painful cramps during menstruation), leucorrhoea (vaginal discharge). Anxiety, nervous tension, and stress-related conditions.
Lavender <i>Lavandula augustifolia</i>	Abscesses, acne, allergies, athlete's foot, boils, bruises, burns, dandruff, dermatitis, ear-ache, eczema, inflammations, insect bites and stings, insect repellent, lice, psoriasis, ringworm, scabies, sores, spots, all skin types, sunburn, wounds. Lumbago, muscular aches and pains, rheumatism, sprains. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, halitosis, laryngitis, throat infections, whooping cough. Abdominal cramps, colic, dyspepsia, flatulence and nausea. Cystitis, Dysmenorrhoea (painful cramps during menstruation), leucorrhoea (vaginal discharge). 'Flu. Depression, headache, hypertension, insomnia, migraine, nervous tension and stress-related conditions, PMT, sciatica, shock, vertigo.
Lemon Citrus limon	Acne, anaemia, brittle nails, boils, chilblains, corns, cuts, greasy skin, herpes, insect bites, mouth ulcers, spots, varicose veins, warts. Arthritis, celullitis, High blood pressure, nosebleeds, obesity (congestion), poor circulation, rheumatism. Asthma, throat infections, bronchitis, catarrh. Dyspepsia. Colds and 'flu, infections.

ESSENTIAL OIL	MAY ASSIST WITH
Lemongrass Cymbopogon citratus	Acne, athlete's foot, excessive perspiration, insect repellent (fleas, lice and ticks), open pores, pediculosis (infestation of lice), scabies, tissue toner. Muscular pain, poor circulation, and muscle tone, slack tissue. Colitis, indigestion, gastro-enteritis. Fevers, infectious disease. Headaches, nervous exhaustion and stress-related conditions.
Lemon verbena Aloysia triphylla	Cramps, indigestion and liver congestion. Helps to restore liver after a binge. To help digest fats. Reduces fever, sedative. Inhaled for stress, insomnia, depression, nervous fatigue. Asthma attacks, bronchitis, sinus congestion.
Lime Citrus aurantifolia	Acne, anaemia, brittle nails, boils, chilblains, corns, cuts, greasy skin, herpes, insect bites, mouth ulcers, spots, varicose veins, warts. Arthritis, cellulitis, high blood pressure, nosebleeds, obesity (congestion), poor circulation, rheumatism. Asthma, throat infections, bronchitis, catarrh. Dyspepsia. Colds, 'flu, feve and infections.
Marjoram, Sweet Origanum majorana	Chilblains, bruises, ticks. Arthritis, lumbago, muscular aches and stiffness, rheumatism, sprains, strains. Asthma, bronchitis, coughs. Colic, constipation, dyspepsia, flatulence. Amenorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea, leucorrhoea, PMT. Colds. Headache hypertension, insomnia, migraine, nervous tension and stress-related conditions.
Melissa Melissa officinalis	Calms the nerves, sedative, depression, hysteria, panic, helps to slow the heartbeat, high blood pressure heart tonic, PMT and period pains. Digestion, nausea, vomiting, flatulence, dyspepsia and dysentery. Cooling effect on fevers, migraines associated with colds. Topical treatment for cold sores (Herpes simplex). Fungal infections. Helps to counteract baldness and hair loss.

Myrrh Commiphora myrrha	Athlete's foot, chapped and cracked skin, eczema, mature complexions, ringworm, wounds, wrinkles. Arthritis, Asthma, bronchitis, catarrh. Coughs, gum infections, Gingivitis, mouth ulcers, sore throat, voice loss. Diarrhoea, dyspepsia, flatulence, haemorrhoids, loss of appetite. Amenorrhoea, leucorrhoea, pruritis, thrush. Colds.
Neroli Blend Citrus aurantium	Chronic anxiety, depression, fear, shock. Beneficial to the digestive tract. Intestinal spasms, diarrhoea, colitis. Insomnia, headaches, neuralgia and vertigo. Good general tonic and convalescence. Helps to prevent ugly scar tissue, regenerates skin cells, promotes a smoother skin, fights stretch marks and broken capillaries.
Niaouli Melaleuca viridiflora	Acne, boils, burns, cuts, insect bites, oily skins, sports, ulcers, wounds. Muscular aches and pains, poor circulation, rheumatism. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrhal conditions, coughs, sinusitis, sore throat, whooping cough. Cystitis, urinary infection. Colds, fever, flu'.
Nutmeg Myristica fragrans	Arthritis, gout, muscular aches and pains, poor circulation, rheumatism. Flatulence, indigestion, nausea, sluggish digestion. Bacterial infection. Frigidity, impotence, neuralgia, nervous fatigue.
Orange Citrus sinensis	Dull and oily complexions, mouth ulcers. Obesity, palpitations, water retention. Bronchitis, chills. Constipation, dyspepsia, spasm. Cold's flu'. Nervous tension and stress related conditions.

Acne, athlete's foot. Cracked and chapped skin, dandruff, dermatitis, weeping eczema, fungal infections.
hair care, impetigo, insect repellent, sores, oily hair, oily skin, open pores, wounds, wrinkles. Frigidity, nervous exhaustion and stress-related complaints.
Acne, dermatitis and minor skin infections, scars, sores, wrinkles, moisturizes the skin, stimulates skin regeneration, regulates sebum production. Anorexia, digestive atonia, intestinal infections, acts on the pathogenic intestinal flora in particular on the colibacillus, the Eberth bacillus and bacillus of dysentery. Nervous exhaustion, stress related conditions.
Acne, dermatitis, ringworm, scabies, toothache. Neuralgia, muscular pain, palpitations. Asthma, bronchitis, halitosis, sinusitis, spasmodic cough. Colic, cramp, dyspepsia, flatulence, nausea. Colds, fevers, 'flu. Fainting, headache, mental fatigue, migraine, nervous stress, vertigo.
Acne, excessive perspiration, greasy skin and hair, toning. Dyspepsia, flatulence. Convalescence, insomnia, nervous exhaustion and stress related conditions.
Cuts, lice, excessive perspiration, scabies, sores. Arthritis, gout, muscular aches and pains, poor circulation, rheumatism. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, coughs, sinusitis, sore throat. Cystitis, urinary infection. Cold's, 'flu. Fatigue, nervous exhaustion and stress-related conditions, neuralgia.
Infections of the throat and lung, bronchitis, sinusitis, viral infections, herpes, hepatitis, rhino pharyngitis, mononucleosis, muscle fatigue, insomnia. Asthma, bladder, bunions, cancer, colds, ears, flu', lungs, nerves, pneumonia, wounds and adrenal glands.

Rose Geranium Pelargonium graveolens	Acne, bruises, broken capillaries, burns, congested skin, cuts, dermatitis, eczema, haemorrhoids, lice, oily complexion, mature skin, mosquito repellent, ringworm, ulcers and wounds. Cellulitis, engorgement, of breasts, oedema, poor circulation. Sore throat, tonsillitis. Adrenocortical glands and menopausal problems, PMT. Nervous tension, neuralgia and stress-related conditions.	
Rosehip Rosa mosqueta	Stretch marks, UV damage from over-exposure to the sun, scars from surgery, burns and acne. Eczema, psoriasis, wrinkles and premature skin ageing, fine crows-feet lines around the eyes, dermatitis. Burns including those from radiation and the sun, age spots, brittle nails, dry and damaged hair.	
Rosemary Rosmarinus officinalis	Acne, dandruff, dermatitis, eczema, greasy hair, insect repellent, promotes hair growth, regulates seborrhoea, scabies, stimulates scalp, lice, varicose veins. Arteriosclerosis, fluid retention, gout, muscular pain, palpitations, poor circulation, rheumatism. Asthma, bronchitis, whooping cough. Colitis, dyspepsia, flatulence, hepatic disorders, hypercholesterolaemia, jaundice. Dysmenorrhoea, leucorrhoea. Colds, flu', infections. Debility, headaches, hypotension, neuralgia, mental fatigue, nervous exhaustion and stress-related disorders.	
Rosewood Aniba rosaeodora	Acne, dermatitis, scars, wounds, wrinkles and general skin care: dry, sensitive, dull, combination oily/ eodora dry etc. Colds, coughs, fevers, infections, stimulates the immune system. Frigidity, headaches, nausea, nervous tension and stress-related conditions.	
Sage Salvia officinalis	Use under the guidance of an Aromatherapist. Respiratory, mouth, tongue and throat infections. Menstrual and digestive difficulties.	

ESSENTIAL OIL	MAY ASSIST WITH	
Sandalwood Blend Santalum album	Acne, dry cracked and chapped skin. Aftershave (barber's rash), greasy skin, moisturizer. Bronchitis, catarrh, coughs (dry, persistent), laryngitis, sore throat. Diarrhoea, nausea. Cystitis. Depression, insomnia, nervous tension and stress-related complaints.	
Spearmint <i>Mentha spicata</i>	The properties of spearmint oil resemble those of peppermint but its effects are less powerful. It is better adapted to children's maladies. Acne, dermatitis, congested skin. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrhal conditions, sinusitis. Colic, dyspepsia, flatulence, hepatobiliary disorders, nausea, vomiting. Cold's, fevers, flu. Fatigue, headache, migraine, nervous strain, neurasthenia, stress.	
Tangerine Citrus reticulata	Kills bacteria in wounds and reduces swelling and redness, rashes, acne, stretch marks and oily skin, soothes dry, cracked skin. Muscle cramps, stiff and painful joints. Purifies the blood and removes toxins aids digestion, eases constipation, diarrhoea and flatulence. Soothes respiratory system and nervous system. Reduces fever, stress, anxiety and depression.	
Tea Tree Melaleuca alternifolia	Abscess, acne, athlete's foot, blisters, burns, cold sores, dandruff, herpes, insect bites, oily skin, rashes (nappy rash), spots, veruccae, warts, infected wounds. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, coughs, sinusitis, tuberculosis, whooping cough. Thrush, vaginitis, cystitis, pruritis. Colds, fever, 'flu. Infectious illnesses such as chickenpox.	

Thyme <i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Abscesses, acne, bruises, burns, cuts, dermatitis, eczema, insect bites, lice, gum infections, oily skin, scabies. Arthritis, cellulitis, gout, muscular aches and pains, obesity, oedema, poor circulation, rheumatism, sprains, sports injuries. Asthma, bronchitis, catarrh, coughs, laryngitis, sinusitis, sore throat tonsillitis. Diarrhoea, dyspepsia, flatulence. Cystitis, urethritis. Chills, colds, 'flu, infectious diseases. Headaches, insomnia, nervous debility and stress-related complaints. Helps to revive and strengthen the body and mind.
Vetivert Vetiveria zizanioides	Acne, cuts, oily skin, wounds. Arthritis, muscular aches and pains, rheumatism, sprains and stiffness. Debility, depression, insomnia, nervous tension. Deeply relaxing.
Ylang Ylang Cananga odorata	Acne, hair growth, hair rinse, insect bites, irritated and oily skin, general skin care. High blood pressure, hyperpnoea (abnormally fast breathing), tachycardia, palpitations. Depression, frigidity, impotence, insomnia, nervous tension and stress-related disorders. Soothes anger from frustration.

CARRIER OIL	DESCRIPTION	
Apricot Kernel Prunus armeniaca	Faint aroma, medium viscosity, Oily texture. Good for use in massage and massage oil blends. Avoid if allergic to nuts. Yellow in colour.	
Avocado Clear Persea americana	Sweet, fatty and nutty aroma, thick viscosity. Leaves a fatty almost waxy feel on the skin. Deep olive green in colour.	
Avocado Crude Persea americana	Sweet, fatty and nutty aroma, thick viscosity. Leaves a fatty almost waxy feel on the skin. Deep olive green in colour.	
Calendula Blend Calendula officinalis	Warm, earth, floral aroma, thick viscosity. Yellow to orange in colour.	
Evening Primrose Oenothera biennis	Light and sweet aroma, thin viscosity. Medium yellow in colour. Leaves a trace of oil on the skin.	
Grape Seed Vitis vinifera	Virtually odourless but can be light, sweet, nutty aroma, thin viscosity. Fine and non-greasy feel on the skin. Ideal for skins that do not absorb oil easily. Leaves the skin feeling satiny soft. Also has astringent properties which will help tone the skin. Clear colour with pale yellow green tinge.	
Groundnut Arachis hypogaea	Light, nutty and fatty aroma, thick viscosity. Leaves a heavy, oily film on the skin. Virtually clear colour. Avoid if allergic to nuts.	

Jojoba Simmondsia chinensis	Light to medium, distinct by clear aroma, medium viscosity. Absorbs well. Golden yellow colour.
Sesame Sesamum indicum	Faint with a distinctively nutty sweet sesame aroma, medium viscosity. Leaves an oily film on the skin. Pale yellow in colour.
Sweet Almond Prunus amygdalus	Light, sweet and nutty aroma, medium viscosity. Leaves a slight hint of oil on the skin. Absorbs semi-quickly. Virtually clear with yellow tinge in colour. Avoid if allergic to nuts.
Wheatgerm Triticum burum	Heavy aroma, thick viscosity. Readily absorbed nourishing oily sensation. Dark in colour. Avoid if allergic to wheat or gluten.

OILS THAT SHOULD NOT BE USED BY PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY

Fennel Foeniculum vulgare
Hyssop Hyssopus officinalis
Rosemary Rosmarinus officinalis

OILS THAT SHOULD NOT BE USED DURING PREGNANCY

Basil Ocimum basilicum

Birch Betula alba, B lenta, B. Alleghaniensis

Cedarwood Cedrus atlantica

Clary sage Salvia sclarea
Cypress Cupressus sempervirens

Geranium Pelargonium asperum
Hyssop Hyssopus officinalis
Jasmine Jasminium officinale
Juniper Juniperus communis
Marjoram Origanum majorana

Myrrh Commiphora myrrha

Nutmeg Myristica fragrans
Peppermint Mentha piperata
Rosemary Rosmarinus officinalis
Tarragon Artemisia dranunculus

Thyme Thymus vulgaris

OILS TO AVOID DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

These oils should be avoided during the first three months of pregnancy and used cautiously during the remaining months. Use in small amounts and well diluted (1% to 2% for massage: 3 – 4 drops added to a carrier oil for baths). If there Is any previous history of miscarriage, do not use at all.

Chamomile Anthemis nobilis, et al.
Geranium Pelargonium asperum
Lavender Lavendula vera

Rose Rosa centifolia v damascena







