

Types of Fragrances...

Fougere – Chypre

Have you read those fancy designer perfume descriptions, but ever wondered what they mean to say when they speak about a fragrance having Ozone, Fougere, or Chypre notes? Have you wondered how perfumers make those types of fragrances? Well, in this edition, I'll describe the basic characteristics of Fougere and Chypre fragrances and how you can jump to a higher step in fragrance blending, making your own versions, using your Oregon Trail Fragrance oils. You'll see that all blends discussed in this edition have a fragrance element in common: Oakmoss

Here then are five fragrance blends that represent the Fougere and Chypre family.

The Fougere Family

Fougere means Fern in French. This fragrance family captures the elements of the Forest with herbal lavender top notes and an Oakmoss base note that form its basic structure. Other notes like Citrus, Spices, Woods and even Vanilla can be used to add freshness, depth or modify the fragrance. This fragrance family is represented here by the blends: **Fern Woods**, **Fresh Ocean Air** and **Aromatic Tobacco**.

Fern Woods

3 parts OT Virginian Cedarwood EO

3 parts OT Lavender Fields

2 parts OT Grass Patch

1 parts OT Jasmine

1 part OT Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss

This Fougere is very green and fresh with Lavender Fields and Grass patch adding the fresh leafy notes. The Virginian Cedarwood essential oil adds depth and a nice woody heart, while Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss brings the damp forest floor base and Jasmine modifies the fragrance for more balance. Notes: Try switching essential oils for fragrance oils and vice versa. Don't be afraid to use other components like Patchouli, Vetiver EO or any other fragrance you like for a more complex perfume.

Fresh Ocean Air

10 parts OT True Musk

3 parts OT Lavender Fields

2 parts OT Cool Mountain Lake

2 parts OT Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss

1 part OT Lemongrass Sage

This unisex “Ozone” blend is a Fougere modification with the fresh herbal citrus notes of Lemongrass Sage and the icy Cool Mountain Lake as top notes, with a solid musk heart and a stronger base of Oakmoss for that salty air note reminiscent of the ocean breeze. Note: You can modify this fragrance with fresh florals for a more feminine sea fragrance or add woody and spice notes for a nice masculine fragrance. If you ever do CP soap with this or a similar blend, try adding some kelp powder for a wonderful ocean smelling soap.

Aromatic Tobacco

5 parts OT Rich Vanilla Creme

5 parts OT Virginian Cedarwood EO

3 parts OT Lavender Fields

2 parts OT Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss

1 part OT Lemongrass Sage

This blend is very interesting as it shows you a trick to add a nice aromatic tobacco note to men’s fragrances. This masculine Fougere was modified with Vanilla and Citrus notes transforming the blend into a unique fragrance with the addition of Lavender and Oakmoss, a fragrance reminiscent of an aromatic pipe tobacco in the vein of Versace’s “The Dreamer.” That’s how perfumers do it!. Of course, they use more sophisticated raw materials, but the technique is just the same. Note: Feel like a pro by adding patchouli, more woody notes, spices, musk and whatever you like for that perfect masculine fragrance of your own!

The Chypre Family

The framework of Chypre fragrances is a basic structure of Citrus and Oakmoss accords. This type of fragrance, just like Fougere, forms the structure of many designer

fragrances, with many variations available. This Chypre family is represented here by the blends “Berry Chypre” and “Moroccan Chypre”. You need to try these two feminine blends that are ultra sexy!

Berry Chypre

2 parts OT Virginian Cedarwood EO

2 parts OT Egyptian Musk

2 parts OT Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss

1 parts OT Sunkissed Currants

1 part OT Victorian Violets

This powdery sensual fragrance is a combination of warm musk notes with Cedarwood and Oakmoss , accented with the wonderful berry/citrus notes of Sunkissed Currants.

Moroccan Chypre

5 parts OT Egyptian Musk

3 parts OT Frankincense & Myrrh

2 parts OT African Wild Gardenia

1 part OT Moroccan Spice

1 part OT Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss

This variation is higher in oriental notes with a wonderful Egyptian Musk heart and exotic African Gardenias, accented with Citrus and Spice notes and a wonderful sexy base of Frankincense, Myrrh and Oakmoss that is incredibly sexy!

Fragrance Highlights:

Of course, this month I have to recommend to you the following fragrances:

Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss – This is definitely the best Oakmoss after the essential oil I’ve tried! It’s very high in natural Oakmoss and a wonderful alternative to the real thing. It’s great by itself as an awesome sexy men’s fragrance and will do wonders in fragrance blends.

Lavender Fields – Here's another wonderful alternative to the real thing! It's a clean and fresh lavender with none of the heavy medicinal notes of some lavender essential oils. It works great in soap and any other products.