

The Essence of Musk

An ingredient in every perfume known, musk has been used by man in folk medicine and as a perfume ingredient for more than 5,000 years. Natural musk is produced by the glands of the Tibetan musk deer and is one of the most valuable natural products, with a trade value that could be up to three times its weight in gold. Since it's almost impossible to extract the musk without killing the deer due to its shyness and difficulty to catch, its indiscriminate hunting is reducing the wild musk deer population significantly. Today, the musk deer is protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Its agreement limits trapping of the deer and most countries now prohibit the trade of natural musk. Now, synthetically manufactured musk is virtually the only source of musk used by the fragrance industry. Although pure musk forms can be soft (there are even people with the inability to smell musk) and subtle, the effects in a fragrance composition can be greatly noticed as it has the ability to sustain and enhance the other more volatile constituents of the composition. Those abilities make musk an important fixative in the fragrance industry.

From light, clean and fresh to powerful, deep and earthy musk blends, you will find in this edition five blends centered on musk, using Oregon Trail's **True Musk**, a pure true form of musk with no extra perfumed notes in it or **Egyptian Musk** which is a bit more complex with soft oriental warm notes. All blends have a very long lasting power. Feel free to substitute or add as many ingredients you want to create your own fragrant musky compositions... Enjoy!

Crystalline Musk

5 parts OT True Musk

3 parts OT Sweet Innocence

1 part OT Peony "BBW Type"

This sensual white musk begins with translucent fresh powdery floral top notes, while Peony adds a delicate clean heart of aldehyde, ending in a bed of soft musk. It's a clean fresh "close to the skin" fragrance that lasts and lasts and it's the kind of fragrance that people that can't stand strong fragrances will surely love. It's the clean musk I would use in a complete line of products.

“Muschio di Vaniglia”

5 parts OT True Musk
3 parts OT Vaniglia del Madagascar
3 parts OT Amber Dawn
1 part OT Rich Vanilla Crème

Vanilla lovers, here’s a Vanilla Musk blend that is simply gorgeous!. It’s a fusion of the finest vanilla with delicate notes of amber and musk. It’s super sexy, very perfumey and definitely not a sickening sweet vanilla fragrance. Note: You can use Oregon Trail’s Egyptian Musk instead of True Musk for even more depth and complexity.

“Almizcle Varonil”

10 parts OT True Musk
5 parts OT Vetiver “BBW Type”
3 parts OT Absolutely Awesome Oakmoss
3 parts OT Virginian Cedarwood Essential Oil
2 parts OT Amber Dawn

This extremely complex and musky masculine concoction has soft citrus and herbal top notes and an eternal powdery heart of woods, amber, oakmoss, vetiver and musk. Its lasting power is incredible; as it’s made of very complex fragrance oils, developing in a sophisticated masculine fragrance that lasts and lasts in every way you use it. By the way, Almizcle Varonil (pronounced al-MEES-clay vair-o-KNEEL) means Manly Musk in Spanish.

Vital Biosphere

2 parts OT Egyptian Musk
1 part OT Nag Champa
1 part OT Karma “Lush Type”
1 part OT Hibiscus

Simple words can’t do justice to this complex earthy musk fragrance full of mysticism and enchantment. The exotic essences of earth all come together in this harmonious blend. Haunting fragrant flowers and exotic fruit nectar nuances followed by ethereal earthy and woody forest notes, subtle spices and fresh herbs, in a base of incense resins, patchouli and exotic calming musk. You’ll fall into a trance-like state with just a simple whiff of this hypnotic blend. Note: This blend is perfect for perfume oils as it lasts and lasts. It’s a wonderful interesting perfume that opens with a dawn of light sunny florals, slowly turning to dusk with warm mystical earthy notes.

Vital Fire

5 parts OT Egyptian Musk
3 parts OT White Patchouli
1 part OT Dragonfire
1 part OT Pepperberry

Totally opposed to “Crystalline Musk”, this is a fragrance not recommended for the faint hearted. Extremely deep, strong and very hot red musk composed of a sensual black pepper and Egyptian Musk base and a strong heart of smoky patchouli, incense resins and very deep earthy notes. Its fragrant potency is eternal so use it sparingly.

Fragrance Highlights:

Here are two great new fragrances from Oregon Trail Soap Supplies:

Sweet Innocence - Sweet and innocent just like its name. This sophisticated baby fragrance can be easily the best baby fragrance in the market. It’s a wonderful combination of white fluffy clouds of baby powder with a warm delicate background of pristine flower petals, calming nuances of lavender and sweet buttery musk. It behaves like a sleeping baby in soap and stays white, unlike many baby powder fragrances that discolor to brown. It’s the perfect fragrance for your all your baby products.

Karma “Lush Type” – This “earthy” fragrance is one of the best I’ve tried. I’m personally not too fond of fragrances high in patchouli notes, but this fragrance is very fresh and complex with nice clean citrus and herbal top notes. It’s wonderful for any bath and body product and behaves very well in CP soap with very little or no discoloration.

In the Next Edition - A bunch of personal favorite blends.