

“Handsome Grove” — Cologne Recipe

Fragrance Profile

- **Top Notes (fresh first impression):** Sweet orange, bergamot
 - **Heart Notes (soul of the scent):** Egyptian musk, vanilla, tonka bean
 - **Base Notes (deep lasting):** Cedarwood, cypress, amber, sandalwood
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DIY Cologne Blend (10ml Roll-On or Spray)

- **Top Notes (20%)**
 - 6 drops Sweet Orange essential oil
 - 4 drops Bergamot essential oil (bergaptene-free to avoid sun sensitivity)
 - **Heart Notes (40%)**
 - 10 drops Egyptian Musk fragrance oil (or pure musk accord substitute)
 - 6 drops Vanilla absolute (or vanilla oleoresin, pre-diluted)
 - 4 drops Tonka bean absolute (optional but adds warmth)
 - **Base Notes (40%)**
 - 8 drops Cedarwood essential oil
 - 6 drops Cypress essential oil
 - 4 drops Sandalwood essential oil (or Amyris as affordable alternative)
 - 2 drops Labdanum (for amber depth)
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Blending Instructions

1. Add your essential oils to a 10ml dark glass bottle.
 2. Fill the rest with a carrier (fractionated coconut oil for roll-on, or perfumer’s alcohol for spray).
 3. Cap tightly, shake gently, and let the blend **rest 1–2 weeks** to fully meld.
 4. Test on skin — adjust sweetness (vanilla/orange) or woodiness (cedar/cypress) as desired.
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Scent Journey

- **First spray:** A burst of juicy orange + citrus brightness.
- **Mid-phase:** “Darling” musk + vanilla warmth.
- **Dry-down:** Deep grounding woods (cedar, cypress, sandalwood) linger, leaving a mysterious yet comforting aura.