

Note: These are only some suggestions - there are many more oils for skin care preparations.

Most of the oils have psychological and emotional uses as well.

Use small amounts of oils, unless otherwise stated - these are very powerful botanicals

ESSENTIAL OILS				
Essential Oil	Skin Type	Principle Skin Care Uses	Notes, or Combines Well With (see book Facelift at Your Fingertips for more details)	
Artemisia	Inflamed skin conditions	One of the highest chamazulene content available in essential		
(Artemisia arborescens)		oils therefore a free radical scavenger.		
Atlas Cedarwood	Mature, damaged, dermatitis, acne,	Reduces spider veins, scars, stimulates lymphatic	Chamomile, lavender	
(Cedrus atlantica)	oily skin hair loss cellulite	system. Use carefully and sparingly.	Carriers: all, esp. calendula (damaged)	
Basil	Oily skin, insect	Mosquito and wasp bites, hair growth, eczema, acne, shingles		
(Ocimum basilicum)	repellant	and herpes.		
Bay Laurel	Pain, sprains, muscle contractions,	Powerful analgesic properties, antineuralgic,		
(laurus nobilis)	arthritis, rheumatism	immuno-stimmulant.		
Bitter Orange	Dull, dry, oily congested, acne,	Strengthens and softens skin, stimulates nerve endings, aids	Excellent for skin	
(Citrus aurantium)	wrinkles	in hydration, calms oil gland functions, increases hydro lipid		
		layer, supports regeneration, aids cellulite and stretch marks.		
Chamomile, Roman	All skin types - great for blonde	Calming, anti-inflammatory - better for children; esp. good for	Lavender, rosewood, tea tree	
(Chamamelum nobile)	hair, hyper sensitive skin	Burns, dermatitis, eczema, antibacterial, calming, diaper rash,		
		eases puffiness, strengthens and tightens tissue, best for dry,		
		itchy and hypertensive skin. Emollient, cicatrizant, analgesic.		
Chamomile, German	Same, esp. eczema	More chamazulene (for above effects) so only a little is needed;	same	
(Matricaria recutita)		most anti-inflammatory for skin, analgesic, anti-allergenic.	12	
Cistus/Labdanum	Mature, wrinkles,	Aids wound healing regenerating for slow healing.	*great in small amounts	
(Cistus ladanifer)	inflamed, irritated, acne			
"Leaves of rock rose"				

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Clary sage	Aging and oily	Acne, inflamed skin, wrinkles, anti-depressant, fluid and	Cedarwood, cypress, geranium, lavender,
(Salvia sclarea)		hormone regulating, hypo-tensive, migraines, cellular regenerator *Do not use if history of breast cancer	mandarin, neroli, sandalwood. Carriers: apricot, hazelnut, hypericum wheatgerm
Cypress	Oily, flushed, cellulite, water	Anti-bacterial and astringent, reduces spider veins,	Chamomile, clary sage, lavender, tea tree
(Cupressus	retention, varicose veins,	anti-spasmodic, reduces menopausal tension	Cellulite: grapefruit, fennel juniper berry
sempervirens)	excessive perspiration, overly		Carriers: borage, calendula, hazelnut,
	hydrated skin, acne		hypericum, jojoba, macadamia
Carrot seed	Best in scar blends, and also esp.	Improves tone and elasticity, deters wrinkles,	Absolutely amazing - Use as part of
(Daucas carota)	dehydrated, by cold, dry winter,	dermatitis, rashes and skin discolouration, changes	regular treatment - up to 2%, but
	couperose, callouses, mature skin, eczema, boils	the moisture retention under the skin	usually .05%
Citronella	Oily skin and hair	Perspiration, insect repellant, deodorizer	
(Cymbopogon nardus)			
Elemi	Aged skin,	Cell rejuvenator, cooling on skin, heals and closes	
(Canarium lozonicum)	inflammation, wrinkles	wounds	
Frankincense	Dry, aging neck, scars,	Anti-inflammatory, astringent, immuno-stimulant	Clary sage, geranium, lavender, myrrh in
(Boswellia carterii)	wrinkles, stretch marks	promotes healing	calendula for neck. Carriers: apricot, borage, calendula, lime blossom
Galbanum	Scars, wounds,	Heals scar tissue, tones mature skin, softens wrinkles, calms	borage, Calendula, lilie biossoili
(Ferula galbaniflua)	inflammations	and heals ulcers, absesses, lesions esp. long standing cancers	
Geranium, Rose	All, esp. oily, acne, burns, dry or	Fungicidal, anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory, antiinfectious,	All listed essential oils and carrier oils
(Pelargonium	weepy eczema, itchy, inflamed skin	antiseptic. The scent easily dominates, mosquito repellant,	
graveolens)		helps protect skin from sun, constricts blood vessels, regulates	
		congestion, accumulated fluids, and poor elimination; gentle	
		but powerful, cellular regenerative, balances oil secretion -	
		absolutely one of the best!	
Grapefruit	Oily skin	Tones congested skin, lightens skin, aids hair growth	
(Citus paradise)			

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Green Myrtle	Hay fever and allergic	Anti-infectious, anti-allergenic, anti-spasmodic, decongestant,		
(myrtus communis m.)	congestion	sinusitis, bronchitis		
Helichrysum	Burns, wounds, acne, sars,	Helps protect skin ultra-violet rays; the "super arnica" - treats		
(Helichrysum italicum)	couperose skin, frost burn,	damaged and congested skin. Antiinflammatory, antiphlogistic,		
Immortelle	mature skin	anti-coagulant, prevents bruises, cicatrizant and phlebotonic		
Jasmine	Oily, mixed and sensitive skin, dry,	Soothing, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antiinflammatory	Chamomile, cypress, mandarin, neroli,	
(Jasminum officinale)	greasy, stretch marks, dermatitis,	Anti-inflammatory, alleviates anxiety, good for stiff	sandalwood. Carriers: calendula, hazelnut,	
	intense itching (pruritis)	joints, expels uric acid, powerful detoxifying agent,	jojoba, macadamia, olive	
Juniper Berry	All skin types - psoriasis, stretch	steam with juniper for congested oily skin with blackheads	Clary sage, geranium, lavender, palma	
(Juniperus communis)	marks, weeping and infected	*use sparingly	rosa	
	eczema, cellulite		Carriers: calendula, hazelnut, hypericum	
Lavender	All skin types, acne, dermatitis, dry	Anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, antiseptic, antiinfectious,	Geranium, palma rosa, Roman chamomile,	
(Lavandula	and wet eczema, insect bites &	regenerative, prevents scarring, regulates puffiness which	rosewood	
angustifolia) *	stings, rashes, rosacea, sunburn,	causes puffy skin, calming and regulating to the nervous system,	Carriers: calendula, hazelnut, hypericum,	
	wounds, burns	cellular regenerator, balances sebum, cicatrizant, analgesic	macadamia, olive, almond	
Lemon	Cellulite, acne, boils, corns,	Balances sebum, strengthens epidermis function, tightens	Cellulite - grapefruit	
(Citus limonum)	couperose and dry skin, thin hair	blood vessels, stimulates connective tissue, lightens skin		
	and nails	pigments, shines hair and increases growth		
Lemongrass	Oily, infections, cellulite	Counters acne, athletes foot, enlarged pores - tissue toner,		
(Cymbopogon citrates)		lymphatic detox, aids in weak connective tissue and tightens	8	
		elastin weakness	Other citrus oils, geranium, neroli	
Mandarin	Oily, congested, combination,	Toning, antiseptic, fungicidal, anti-spasmodic, improves	Stretch marks:1 drop mandarin, neroli,	
(Citrus reticulata var.	acne, scars, pimples, stretch marks	circulation of fluids, calming,	lavender with 10 ml almond - rub 2x day	
mandarin)			after 4th month	
			Carriers: calendula, hazelnut, olive	
Marjoram	Muscle and arthritic pain,	One of the most effective agents for relaxing muscle tension;		
(origanum marjorana)	stiffness, spasms, neuromuscular contractions	analgesic, antiseptic, antispasmodic, neurotonic, sedative		
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*Note: Lavandin is this crossed with Spike Lavender - which ends up having the same effects, but less pronounced - but more stimulating). Spike Lavender, helps absesses come to a head)

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Melissa (Lemon Balm) (Melissa officinalis)	Herpes Simplex	Reduces healing time, and lengthens time before another occurrence, insect bites (esp. bees and wasps)	For shingles: combine with jojoba and spray on skin.	
Myrrh (Commiphora myrrha)	Aging, chapped, cracked, cutaneous ulceration, fungal infections, weeping eczema, wrinkles	Antiseptic, fungicidal, anti-inflammatory, healing oil, gum health	Cypress, frankincense, geranium, rosewood, tea tree. Apricot, calendula, hypericum, jojoba, almond.	
Neroli (Citrus aurantium var. amara)	All types, esp. dry, aging skin, and spider or varicose veins and broken blood vessels.	Antibacterial, fungicidal and healing and has a dual effect on the CNS: it is calming and an antidepressant, as well as a gentle tonic that combats fatigue and poor concentration, improves elasticity.	All essential oils, esp. chamomile, geranium, lavender and rose otto Carriers: all esp. apricot, avocado and hazelnut	
Niaouli (Melaleuca quinquenervia var. cineol)	All types, esp. Infected skin problems, acne, insect bites, both eczemas	Strongly disinfectant, anti-viral, anti-bacterial and fungicidal, stops itching and allergic reactions, neat on athlete's foot, powerful anti-inflammatory, protects from deep radiation burns if used pre & post radiation (10% in rosehip oil). x-rays too.	All listed essential and carrier oils	
Oregano (Origanum vulgare)	Infection, pain, bleeding	Extremely anti-inflammatory and antiseptic. Caution with use		
Palma Rosa (Cymbopogon martini)	All types: a must! Esp. for acne, dermatitis, both eczema's, dry skin, scars, wrinkles	Broad spectrum antimicrobial, antiseptic, with fungicidal action comparable to tea tree and niouli; very gentle on the skin and hydrating (eases upper respiratory tract infections), cellular regenerator, regulates sebum	Cedarwood, cypress, geranium, rosewood, sandalwood. Carriers: apricot kernel, avocado, hazelnut, lime blossom, almond	
Patchouli (Pogostemon cablin)	All skin types. esp. acne, athlete's foot, dandruff, impetigo, inflammatory and allergic skin, seborrheic dermatitis, spider, varicose or broken veins, weeping eczema	Anti-microbial, insect repellant, anti-inflammatory, anti-allergic, astringent, cracks, scars, wrinkles, wounds, chapped skin. Add sparingly - very distinctive	Cedarwood, clary sage, cypress, geranium lavender, neroli, palma rosa, rose otto, sandalwood Carriers: calendula, hazelnut, hypericum, jojoba, macadamia nut	
Peppermint (Mentha piperiata var. vulgaris)	Shingles: esp. unresolved chicken pox, acne, dermatitis,	Detoxification, constricts capillaries, relives itching, inflammation, softens and degreases skin, removes blackheads, aids retaining water in tissue, cools skin		

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Pine (Pinus sylvesttris)	Boils, cuts, sores, excessive perspiration	Effects the corneum layer; esp. good for grayish smoker's skin	
Rosemary - verbenone type (Rosemarinus, officinalis verbenon)	Mature, chronically dry aged skin, acne and oily skin, couperose or broken veins	Rejuvenates skin	
Rose Otto (Rosa damascene) Do not use absolute, as solvents are used to extract the essence	All, esp. Dry, aging and sensitive skin, redness, rosacea, wrinkles, couperose, eczema, inflammations, radiation burns	Astringent, antiseptic, anti-inflammatory, helps clear small broken capillaries, regulates hormones, stimulates nervous system, increases sexual desires. One of the best for skin!	Dry: clary sage, geranium, lavender, palma rosa, cypress Sensitive:- chamomile, lavender, patchouli, sandalwood Carriers: apricot kernel, avocado, borage, calendula, hazelnut, hypericum, lime blossom
Rosewood (Aniba roseodora var. amazonica)	All skin - acne, eczema, dermatitis, scars, wrinkles, combination, sensitive	Gentle, non-toxic, non-irritant, skin tonic, cell stimulant, tissue regenerator	All essential oils and carriers
Sandalwood (Santalum album)	All skin types, esp. dry, acne, damaged skin, chapped or cracked skin, inflamed	Anti-septic, moisturizing properties, has ability to penetrate the sub cutaneous layer, and can carry other oils there; increases capillary circulation, connective tissue and dermis are strengthened, increases water retention of collagen	*One of most important in skin care Geranium, jasmine, lavender, myrrh, niaouli, palma rosa, patchouli, rose otto, rosewood Carriers: apricot kernel, avocado, calendula, almond
Tagetes (Tagetes minuta)	Do not use in sensitive skin	Corns, bunions, calluses, fungal infections, insect bites	Ylang ylang
Tea Tree (Melaleuca alternifolia)	All skin types, absesses, boils, burns, cold sores, dandruff, fungal infections, infected skin, impetigo, insect bites, warts	Wide spectrum antiseptic, anti-inflammatory, bactericidal, insect repellant, anti-fungal. Helps protect from radiation burns - after use rose and lavender.	Chamomile, cypress, lavender, rosewood, sandalwood, Carriers: calendula, hypericum, jojoba, macadamia nut

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Thyme	Psoriasis, acne, dry, weeping	Strong antiseptic, agent, but still gentle and healing to skin		
(Thymus geraniol/linalool)	eczema,	(this specific type) One of the broadest antimicrobial actions		
Note: red thyme is very		available		
abrasive so use with				
caution, or just use				
linalool				
Vetiver	Mature, dry skin, wounds	Cellular regenerator, works on atrophic or slack skin		
(Vetiveria zizanoides)				
Yarrow	Acne, burns, sunburn,	Balances oily skin and scalp, promotes hair growth, encourages		
(Achillea millefolium)	inflammation, eczema, warts,	perspiration, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic, anti-allergentic,		
	varisose veins, scars	cicatrizant		
Ylang Ylang	Dry, oily combination, irritated,	Balances sebum		
(Cananga odorata)	insect bites			

Anticoagulant: prevents clot formations
Antineuralgic: relieves and reduces nerve pain
Antiphlogistic: reduces inflammation or fever

Antiseptic: discourages growth of microorganisms
Cicatrizant: an agent that aids in wound healing and formation of scar tissue

Granulation: The part of the healing process in which rough, pink tissue containing new connective tissue and capillaries forms around the edges of the wound.

Keratinization: the process by which the epidermis forms its outer layer

Neurotonic: strengthens and supports the nervous system Phlebotonic: treats red veins (couperose) - strengthens veins

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