



INFORMATION ABOUT OUR INGREDIENTS

Our ointments and creams are made from herbal macerations in Olive Oil. Maceration is the process of steeping fresh herbs in oil and leaving in the sun for several weeks, or gently heating the mixture to transfer the herbal oils from the plant into the oil. Beeswax is carefully added to give a firm consistency, and contribute healing properties.

- As mentioned, the plants used in making our salves come from our gardens, gathered wild from our land, or from plant matter or extracts that we buy in.
- We are very happy to be using Matapiro Olive Oil.
- We are lucky to have Lotus Oils just down the road from us in Waipukurau. They supply us with many of our essential oils as well as bulk oils. Often a parcel will arrive on the same day we order, it's great to have a nearby supplier to keep our 'product miles' down.
- We get Lavender Essential Oil from Stoney Creek, Maraekakaho. This is spray-free, organically grown, but not certified. It smells divine and has been seasoned for several years.
- We get our beeswax from Kintail Honey in Takapau. They get their wax tested for Varroa control chemicals and have nil residues.
- Another delicious smelling addition is organically grown Rose Hydrosol, which comes from Whakatane. This is made from Damask Roses, and is a far superior option to commercial Rosewater.
- We're also sourcing a lovely Organic Cider Vinegar from Levin. This is the basis of our Vinegar Hair Rinses, an ingredient in the Baby Wash Solution, as well as the D-Bug Headlice Removal Lotion.
- Borax (Sodium borate) is a natural mineral, which is widely used in the cosmetic industry. It occurs naturally, created by the repeated evaporation of seasonal lakes. The largest deposits of Borax are found in California, the American Southwest, Chile and Tibet. We use it in small amounts as an emulsifier and preservative in some of our creams.
- We now make our own Zinc and Castor Oil cream. It contains an Olive Oil based emulsifier (Cetearyl olivate and Sorbitan olivate), Rice Bran Oil, Castor Oil and Zinc Oxide powder.
- Naturagard® Ultra is accepted by ECOCERT as a preservative in certified organic cosmetics.