

Creamy Redwood Lipstick

(Sample Recipe for Candelilla Wax)

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Phase A	Weight %	For 50 g / 1.8 oz
Castor Oil (emollient)	30 %	15 g / 1 Tbsp
Polyisobutene 800 (emollient)	31.8 %	15.9 g / 1 Tbsp ½ tsp
D&C Red No. 7 Liquid (colorant)	2 %	1 g / 24 drops
Red Mica (colorant)	9 %	4.5 g / 2 ¼ tsp
Pearl-White Mica (colorant)	4 %	2 g / 1 tsp
Phase B		
Candelilla Wax (thickener)	10 %	5 g / 2 tsp
Carnauba Wax (thickener)	6 %	3 g / 1 ½ tsp
Vitamin E Acetate (antioxidant)	1 %	0.5 g / 12 drops
Avocado Butter (thickener/emollient)	5 %	2.5 g / ½ tsp
Phase C		
Vitamin E Tocopherol (antioxidant)	0.2 %	0.1 g / 2 drops

Method

Add phase A into a heat resistant glass beaker and stir well. Add phase B to phase A and heat to 185oF/85oC until the waxes are melted, stir, then remove from the heat. Add phase C to phase A/B and stir. Grease the lipstick mold with little plant oil and close the mold. While still hot and liquid pour the mixture carefully but in one drive into the lipstick mold, (press the mold together to avoid leaking or use a rubber band around the mold). Wait 2 minutes until the lipstick has hardened some, place it into the refrigerator for 30 minutes. If you like to change the color melt the lipstick again and change the shade by adding a bit more pigments (note: if you add too much mica pigments the lipstick will get dry and brittle). How to remove the lipsticks: separate the mold and push the lipstick carefully with low pressure out of the mold, if the lipstick get's a dent by doing so then you may need to add a higher amount of waxes, in total by ¼ to 1/2tsp. Use a sharp knife with an even blade to cut the top off the lipstick to give it its typical shape or rub the tip against a hard paper surface as you would color. When out of the mold place the lipsticks into lipstick containers. To give it a professional look "flame" the lipstick shortly with a cigarette lighter, but be careful not to melt it. The recipe (50g/1.8oz) gives about 5-7 lipsticks.

Properties

Basic color lipstick with oils, avocado butter and waxes plus vitamin E acetate and vitamin E tocopherol as antioxidants.