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## Some Blends to cool you off

It's getting hot in here!, the temperatures are rising more and more. Although temperatures here are cooler than in the coast, the humidity of this summer's constant rain showers combined with the heat of the day really makes the heat unbearable. I can't even imagine the temperatures many of you guys have there where you live. This edition has five refreshing blends that will surely keep you cool even if the temperatures where you live hit the 100's. Sit down and relax in the comfort of your home, get yourself a cold drink and stay cool!...Enjoy!

### Mandarin Splash

5 parts Orange Blossom \*Neroli Type\*  
3 parts OT Brown Sugar & Fig \*BBW Type\*  
1 part OT Yuzu

Simply cool and refreshing!, this sparkling blend fuse Orange blossom and Yuzu to magically create a sparkling mandarin orange top note, followed by a long lasting fruity citrus body and a warm ambry background that smells absolutely upscale. You'll love this blend!. Although this fragrance should be perfect for any application, this is the kind of blend I see in bath oils, body mists and bath salts.

### Air Flowers

2 parts OT Victorian Violets  
1 part OT Kudzu Blossom

One day while working in my garden, a sweet fruity whiff past me. Intrigued by such haunting scent, I started to seek the mysterious flower responsible for the intriguing aroma. Under the canopy of a tree, an air plant (*Tillandsia duratii*), one of the many air plant species I collect had a long spike with gorgeous purple flowers. When I stick my nose to one of the blooms, the wonderful fragrance was revealed, a sweet combination of violet blossoms and grape candy. Air plants are tropical jungle plants, a type of bromeliad living attached to tree trunks or rock cliffs. They don't need soil to survive. Their roots are only used by the plants to attach to the surface. They obtain their food and water from the air with numerous tiny hair like structures in their leaves. That's why they are named air plants. If only a single plant was able to produce such amazing wafting fragrance in my garden, can you imagine how the misty jungles of South America where the plant is native would smell with hundreds of these air plants blooming high in the tree canopies?. It should be an amazing experience. When I smelled OT Kudzu Blossom, the memory of such flowers came to my mind and mixed with OT Victorian Violets, the exact same haunting fragrance of the air plant's purple blooms appeared just like magic. I encourage you to try this simple blend. Even if it doesn't smell that exotic to you, I'm still sure you'll fall in love with this captivating airy fragrance.

## Water Flowers

5 parts OT Wild Honeysuckle & Green Fig  
2 parts OT Victorian Violets  
1 part OT Cool Mountain Lake  
½ part OT Cucumber Melon \*BBW Type\*  
½ part OT Hibiscus

This blend is inspired by the delicate fragrance of blooming water lilies in a cool and calming natural pond. The transparent watery fragrance of water lilies is like no other in the plant kingdom. This fresh, clean, innocent and blue fragrance combines the transparent airy fragrances of honeysuckle and violets, tropical floral nuances, delicate watery fruits and fresh ozone notes. Get ready to be transported to the fresh crystalline waters of a tropical freshwater lagoon. Another fragrance perfect for bath salts and body mists, but awesome in soap and other applications as well.

## Deep Purple Haze

1 parts OT Karma \*Lush Type\*  
1 part OT Voodoo Berry  
1 part OT White Patchouli

I just think in the color purple when I sniff this blend of earthy patchouli and herbal notes, surrounded by a purple aura of rich juicy berries. You too will be surrounded by a deep purple haze when you sniff this inspiring blend.

## Southern Fields

5 parts OT Wild Honeysuckle & Green Fig  
3 parts OT Tiare Blossom  
1 part OT Kudzu Blossom  
1 part OT Mardi Gras

Enchanting is the best word to describe this soothing spa like blend full of southern elements. Imagine yourself in the middle of a warm sunny grass field after a soft gentle rain, painted by the soft yellow, white and purple shades of the massive amount of blossoms from rampant wild honeysuckle and Kudzu vines that are intertwined with the grasses. Then imagine the sweet scent of those blossoms and crisp green grasses warmed by the sun, while a gentle breeze bring the scents of a number of ripe fruits and sultry white flowers from the gardens and orchards nearby. That's just how this blend is!. You'll be very glad you tried it. Another perfect fragrance for your summer product line.

## **Fragrance Highlights:**

**Wild Honeysuckle & Green Fig:** I've tried many wild honeysuckle fragrances only to be disappointed with their synthetic honeysuckle smell, but the new Oregon Trail's Wild Honeysuckle & Green Fig is just the natural honeysuckle I wanted. It's an incredibly realistic wild honeysuckle scent!. This transparent floral is accented with soft fresh green grass and delicate figleaf notes. Very natural smelling!. This one will be a perennial favorite and will surely be appealing to those of you who normally don't care about florals. It works great in soap with no acceleration or discoloration and it holds very well.

**Voodoo Berry:** This new yummy Oregon Trail quickly became a favorite between Oregon Trail customers and for a good reason; its wonderful berry fragrance is just irresistible. It bursts with a mouthwatering blend of berries and delicate notes of citrus and other fruits. It's very full bodied with the just the correct balance of sweet and sour notes. It soaps very nice with no acceleration or fading and only discolors to cream.

**Kudzu Blossom:** Another unexpected surprise. I was warned before I get this fragrance that I will probably doesn't like this fragrance due to its sweet grape candy scent, but to my own surprise I liked it. Yes, it has a dominant grape note, specially oob, but the grape scent mellows and its floral background can be noticed, but what it really got my attention is that it smells very much like the flowers of an air plant I have (see the "Air Flowers" blend). Being the fanatic of natural flower scents I am, this fragrance oil was quickly accepted by me in no time. It's the perfect fragrance for those of you who love fruit scents and another winner in cold process soap.

Stay tuned for more great blends....