

THE MAKER SYSTEM

Fragrance Note Chart & Description Sheet

This chart is designed to help you understand how fragrance notes work and how different scent families are described. Use this as a guide when blending, but always trust your nose and your creativity.

Fragrance Notes Overview

Top Notes (First Impression):

- Lavender
- Lemongrass
- Peppermint
- Eucalyptus
- Bergamot

Middle Notes (Heart):

- Rose
- Marjoram
- Cinnamon
- Chamomile
- Tea Tree

Base Notes (Foundation):

- Frankincense
- Cedarwood
- Sandalwood
- Patchouli
- Vanilla

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Scent Descriptions & Terms

- Aroma:

The sensation between taste and smell, e.g., vanilla or coffee.

- Cloying:

Excessively sweet or overwhelming (e.g., cotton candy).

- Earthy:

Like soil or roots (e.g., oakmoss, vetiver).

- Floral:

Flower-like (e.g., rose, lilac).

- Dry:

Lacking moisture; can be woody or mineral.

- Bitter:

Sharp, not sweet. Not always unpleasant.

- Flat:

Lacks richness or depth; bland.

- Forest/Woodsy:

Earthy or mossy (e.g., cedar, oak).

- Fresh:

Energizing; often citrus or nature-inspired.

- Herbaceous:

Like herbs used in cooking (e.g., rosemary, basil).

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- Medicinal:

Camphorous or sharp (e.g., eucalyptus, tea tree).

- Minty:

Strong and crisp (e.g., peppermint, spearmint).

- Oriental:

Warm, tangy (e.g., patchouli, ginger).

- Fruity:

Smells like ripe fruits.

- Citrus:

Crisp and clean (e.g., orange, lemon, lime).

- Spicy:

Warm and pungent (e.g., cinnamon, ginger).

- Sweet:

Sugar-like or dessert-scented.

- Fungal:

Mushroom or mold-like.

- Green:

Fresh cut grass or forest.

- Harmonious:

Balanced and well-blended.

- Harsh:

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Unpleasant or unbalanced.

- Light:

Non-cloying, subtle, usually fresh.

- Depth:

Richness and complexity of a blend.

- Profile:

The overall composition of a scent.