



## Imitation Burt's Bees Lip Balm

### INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons beeswax pastilles  
2 tablespoons shea butter  
2 tablespoons coconut oil  
30+ drops peppermint essential oil\*

Tip: Use an extra teaspoon or two of beeswax if you prefer a thicker, longer-lasting lip balm or slightly less if you want a smoother, softer lip balm. I opted for the extra beeswax with the hopes it would withstand the warmer temperatures should it get left in the car, which my tube has and it did quite well. It got a little soft but did not liquify.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Melt beeswax, shea butter, and coconut oil in a double boiler or small glass bowl over a small pot of boiling water, stirring constantly until melted.

Remove pan from heat but keep over the still-hot water to keep the mixture melted.

Add essential oils, I started with 30 drops and increased the amount until I suspected it could be strong enough even though my it didn't smell too strong. I'm guessing I stopped after 40 drops but I think it could go higher. It's your call.

Use a pipette or a dropper to fill the lip balm tubes. Do this quickly because the mixture begins to hardened almost immediately after removing from heat.

Let tubes sit at room temperature for several hours (I cheated and placed in the freezer for 5 minutes that wasn't long enough but it gave it a good head start) until cooled and completely hardened before capping tubes. The final touch, I added a colorful, handwritten label noting the flavor of the lip balm.

\*I used Lorrain Peppermint Oil I had for candy making. The essential oil may have a stronger scent but I couldn't find an American made product easily.