

# Beeswax Wrap Making



## INGREDIENTS

100 g beeswax, grated or smashed into small-ish pieces

30 g pine rosin, plus extra for sticky wraps

3 tbsp coconut oil, jojoba oil or tea tree oil

4 patchwork flats or lightweight cotton fabric, washed and ironed

A wide paint brush – it will be unusable afterwards so use a cheap one

Non-stick baking paper

Pinking shears

An old glass or metal mixing bowl

A medium-sized old saucepan

An old knife for stirring

Newspaper

Iron

## METHOD

- 1** Place the pine rosin in a plastic bag and crush with a hammer or a mortar and pestle.
- 2** Shut windows and doors – bees are attracted to the smell of melting beeswax and will travel kilometres to investigate.
- 3** Fill the saucepan with water and bring to a simmer. Place the wax, crushed rosin and chosen oil in the bowl, place on top of the simmering sauce pan and melt the ingredients, stirring frequently. The pine rosin will likely take a while to melt.
- 4** Cover the bench with a thick layer of newspaper and then with non-stick baking paper, forming a work area larger than your fabric pieces. Plug the iron in near the work area.
- 5** Place a fabric square on top of the baking paper and brush lightly with melted wax mixture. Put another piece of baking paper over the top and use the iron to press and spread the wax evenly. You will be able to see through the baking paper so you can squeeze the wax with the iron directing it to the edges.
- 6** If you have too much wax on the wrap, put another piece of fabric over the first, cover both with baking paper and iron over the top. The top piece will absorb excess from the bottom piece. Lift the top sheet of baking paper and peel the wrap off, then hang to dry.
- 7** To make extra sticky wraps, take one of your coated wraps, lay on the prepared surface and lightly dust with crushed pine rosin. Cover with baking paper and iron over the top to evenly melt and coat the fabric.
- 8** To clean dirty wraps, wash them gently with soapy cold water and a cloth. If the water is too hot then the wax will melt.
- 9** If your wrap gets a little worse for wear or the wax coating is uneven, simply re-iron the wrap.

