Lisa Bronner's



## USAGE CHEAT SHEET

VIRGIN COCONUT OIL

## **KITCHEN**

Butter and oil replacement in both savory and sweet recipes. Great for medium-high heat cooking.

**Stove-top cooking:** Frying or scrambling eggs, sautéing, stir-frying, browning, caramelizing as you would with butter or another oil.

Cookies: Swap out half the butter for solid coconut oil.

**Brownies:** Swap melted coconut oil for vegetable oil or solid coconut oil for butter.

**Cinnamon toast:** Spread about 1 tsp. coconut oil on toast. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

**Popcorn:** Toss 2 Tbsp. kernels, freshly popped, with 2 Tbsp. liquid coconut oil. Sprinkle with salt or your favorite topping.

**Dipping chocolate:** 1 Tbsp. coconut oil per 1 c. (175 grams) semisweet chocolate chips. Heat in small saucepan or microwave for 2 minutes. Stir til smooth.

"Magic shell" ice cream topping: 3 Tbsp. coconut oil per 1 c. (175 grams) semi-sweet chocolate chips. Heat in small saucepan or microwave for 2 minutes. Stir til smooth.

**Caramelized onions:** Melt 2 Tbsp. coconut oil in a large skillet over medium low heat. Add one onion, in  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1 cm) slices. Sprinkle with sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste. Cook low and slow for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally until onions are golden.

**Seasoning wooden spoons:** Sand spoons if needed. Wash in soapy water and let dry thoroughly. Coat with thin film coconut oil. Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 2 minutes. Remove and let cool.

Seasoning cutting boards with wood seasoning butter: In a double boiler, combine 1 c. (200 grams) liquid coconut oil with ¼ c. (60 mL) melted beeswax. Stir to form a smooth, thick paste. Rub into cutting board with a circular motion until the board will not absorb more. Wipe off excess and let air dry.

**Seasoning cast iron:** Wipe a thin film of coconut oil over all surfaces. Bake at 425°F (220°C) for 1 hour. Turn oven off and let pan cool inside.

**Seasoning stoneware:** Wipe a thin film of coconut oil over baking surfaces. Bake at 400°F (200°C) for 30 minutes. Turn oven off and let pan cool inside.

## **BODY CARE**

**Whole body moisturizing:** Immediately after shower, while skin is still moist, rub a thin film over body.

**Coconut sugar scrub:** Mix together  $\frac{2}{3}$  c. (125 grams) granulated sugar,  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. (60 mL) liquid coconut oil, and 20-30 drops essential oils (optional). Store in a jar with a lid. Use to exfoliate, soften, and moisturize hands and body. Make with turbinado ("raw") sugar for a foot scrub

**Shaving:** Massage a thin film over area to be shaved until hair is softened. (Wash residual oils down the drain with a bit of soap to eliminate slippery floor.)

**Hand & foot overnight masque:** Massage in a good amount of coconut oil to clean hands and feet. Cover with gloves or socks overnight.

**Soften & nourish cuticles:** Massage small amount into cuticles before bed.

**Soothing irritated skin:** Smooth a small amount over skin irritated from shaving, exposure, chaffing.

**Makeup removal:** Massage coconut oil gently into makeup. Wipe off with soft tissue or reusable pad. Wash face as normal.

**Overnight facial masque:** Cleanse and dry face. Coat two fingertips with oil and massage into face until absorbed. Wash in the morning.

**Pregnancy relief:** Massage into itchy, stretchy bellies and let air dry.

Diaper rash prevention: Apply a thin film twice a day.

**Hair masque:** On dry hair, work a tiny amount (I use a pea size for my semi long, semi thick hair) through hair from the ends up. Wrap head with a warm towel for 10 minutes. Wash out.

Hair protector before sun & swim: Coat hands with oil and work through hair before exposure.

**Hair detangler:** Great for kids. Coat hands with a very thin film and run through wet hair before brushing.

**Beard moisture & smoothing:** Coat fingertips with coconut oil and massage into skin under beard and work through beard.

**Massage oil:** Warm coconut oil in small jar placed in warm water. Good for all ages.



