

DIY all natural homemade mascara



What you'll need:

- 2 tsp coconut oil ([where to find quality coconut products](#))
- 4 tsp aloe vera gel
- 1/2 tsp grated bees wax (grate *then* measure)
- 1 – 2 capsules of activated charcoal*
- a clean mascara container ([like this](#))

*Activated charcoal can be found in most health food stores or [online](#). This is **not** the same stuff you use to get your grill going, okay?

Directions:

1. Put coconut oil, aloe vera gel, and grated bees wax in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir until beeswax is completely melted.
2. Open 1 – 2 capsules of activated charcoal (depending on desired color, about 1/4 – 1/2 tsp) and pour into oil mixture. Stir until completely incorporated. Remove from heat.
3. Pour into a small plastic bag, pushing the mixture down to one corner. Then cut a very small hole in the opposite corner of the bag.



4. Fold the corner with the cut whole until you have a small tip that you can push into the empty mascara tube. (It's much easier if you have an extra set of hands nearby to hold the tube in place!) Make sure the tip goes far enough into the tube or you'll have a big mess on your hands!



5. Keep the small-hole-end securely in the tube (or get your helper to hold it in place). Begin pressing the mascara mixture toward the tube. Don't move too quickly or it will come out and you'll have mess to deal with. (I highly recommend doing this with a paper towel or napkin underneath.) Keep moving the mixture into the tube until it's all in.

6. Place the inner cap in place and then twist the wand on tightly. Viola! **Homemade mascara!**



Note: Like all mascaras, it is important that you use this homemade mascara wisely. Proper use of mascara includes disposal of tube and brush after four to six months. Mascara should also be disposed of if found to smell different, strange, or especially pungent. It is unlikely and unusual, but **all** mascara does have the capability to grow bacteria.