

### Ingredient Fragrances

In my opinion It is extremely challenging to describe a fragrance, and even harder to imagine it when reading it off an internet page.

However, for those of us that want to know which odor to expect from an ingredient, we've collected a number of common ingredients that are used directly (or indirectly) to produce incense:

(However, it is important to remember that we all experience smell differently)

<https://www.fragrantica.com/notes/Incense-68.html>

Type	Ingredient Name	Odor
Wood	Agarwood	Combination of sweet, vanillic, sour and bitter
Wood	Cedar	pencil shavings with a softly camphoraceous background. Generally Depends on the Cedar type
Wood	Cyperus	Woody - Earthy smell with a spicy note.
Wood	Sandalwood	Piney / Freshly cut woods / Creamy and a bit spicy (no one can actually describe it)
Wood	juniper	Cedar-like, sweet smell (similar to a rose)
Wood	cassia	cinnamon-like, spicy, earthy, aromatic facets
Seeds / Fruits	Star Anis	resembles anise but is in fact more pungent with a harsher and more bitter profile
Seeds / Fruits	Nutmeg	Spicy and Woody
Seeds / Fruits	Juniper Berries	Similar to Gin (Used to produce Gin and its taste)

Seeds / Fruits	Vanilla	Like Vanilla :)
Seeds / Fruits	Coriander seeds	lemony or lime-like flavor
Seeds / Fruits	Coriander fruits	lemony or lime-like flavor
Resins / Gums	Benzoin	medicinal <b>smelling</b> at the finish while vanilla is more of a musky spicy sweet fragrance
Resins / Gums	Copal	It has a clean, light, woody scent that could be compared to pine or turpentine
Resins / Gums	Frankincense	woody, earthy and also has a slightly fruity/sweet, warm, spicy attitude to it.
Resins / Gums	Myrrh	woody, warm, <b>aromatic</b> and pungent, and slightly medicinal
Resins / Gums	Labdanum	amber, animalic, sweet, woody, amberggris, dry <a href="#">musk</a> , or <a href="#">leathery</a>
Resins / Gums	Dragon's Blood	<b>sweet</b> and soft, slightly amber-like but more natural and less sticky/ <b>sweet</b> smelling than common amber.
Resins / Gums	Mastic	Spicy, balsamic, amber like and a bit similar to frankincense
Resins / Gums	Storax	pleasant, floral/lilac, leathery, balsamic
Resins / Gums	Galbanum	intense green scent accompanied by a turpentine odor
Resins / Gums	Elemi	Lemoni and peppery smell. Some claim it reminds them

		of a tomb
Resins / Gums	Opoponax	vegetable-soup-like, slightly animalic-sweet odor (Compared to Myrrh)
Resins / Gums	Tolu Balsam	profile: sweetish, treacly balsamic note that project deep and ambery fragrance
Resins / Gums	Choya Loban	slightly smoky, sweet resinous bouquet and a balsamic-woody undertone
Resins / Gums	Copahu	mild, faint, balsamic-woody smell
Resins / Gums	Guggul	Similar to balsamic
Resins / Gums	Sandarac	Similar to pine
Resins / Gums	Kauri Gum	slight turpentine <b>odor</b>
Resins / Gums	Amber	warm, resinous <b>scent</b> that can produce a faint prickle at the back of the nose. Its rich and earthy
ROOTS / RHIZOMES	Vetiver Root	green, slightly sharp note with hints of earthiness to it. It's reminds me of a grassy field on a dry, warm day.
ROOTS / RHIZOMES	Orris Rhizomes	woody type <b>odor</b>
ROOTS / RHIZOMES	Jatamansi	musty, dank, and leathery (some claim it smells like feet)
ROOTS / RHIZOMES	Calamus	sweet
ROOTS / RHIZOMES	Galangal	Fresh <b>galangal</b> has a hint of fruity-spicy aroma, like a fir needle, while the dried version has a sweeter <b>smell</b> , much like cinnamon.
ROOTS / RHIZOMES	Costus	sweaty fatty animalic

		character, and has been described as the smell of wet dog
Leaves	Patchouli	dark, musky-earthly aroma profile, reminiscent of wet soil
Leaves	Sage	Similar to Mint
Leaves	Bay Leaf	If eaten whole - sharp, bitter taste. If dried resembles oregano
Leaves	Tea	Depends on the cup of tea

You can also use Flowers and buds in your incense making such as roses, cloves, lavenders and saffrons, each with a unique smell