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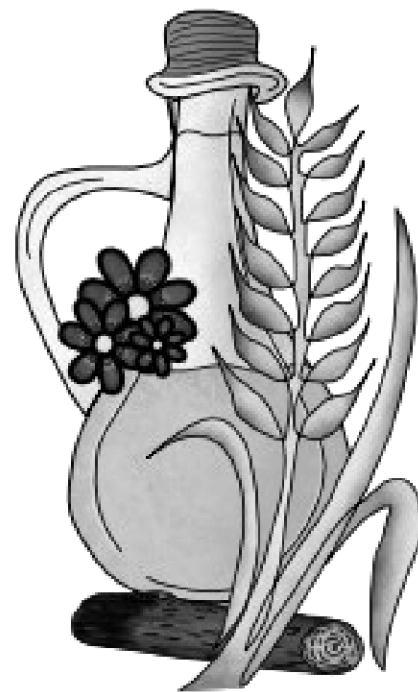
Oleum Maleficis


All liquids share in the magnetic power of Water. That means that because of the attractive nature of water any liquid can draw the desired outcome. Any liquid will retain good or baneful energy equally well, so be mindful of the thoughts you think when interacting with liquids, especially if you intend to drink them or use them on your body.

In this case, the liquid in question is an oil. Within Gala Witchcraft, we refer to this special elixir as the oleum maleficis or "oil of the witch," and there is a very good reason for that. Its construction begins at the Winter Rite with the addition of the hedge witch's semen to a carrier oil. The very essence of the witch turns this mundane substance into a potent magical tool.

Items Needed

- A pretty glass bottle
- Sesame Oil as a Carrier Oil
- Semen of the witch added at the Winter Rite
- Spring flowers (dried) added during the Spring Rite
- Ashes of the Summer Fire added during the Summer Rite
- Some wheat, rye, barley or other harvest grain added during the Autumn Rite





As you celebrate the 4 Seasonal Rites of the hedge witch and work the Wheel of the Year, you will make the oleum maleficis anew each year. That means that you will want to make sure to fully use up the previous year's elixir before the next year's Winter Rite. This is a universal fluid condenser and can be used for any purpose under the sun, as long as it is in alignment with your overarching yearly goal.

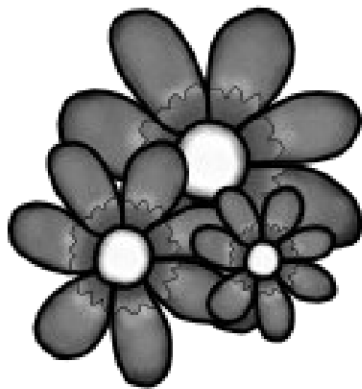


The Wheel of the Year begins at the Winter Rite, because all life begins in darkness. Though we don't see it, the blooming buds of spring actually start their life in the cold barren earth of winter. It is the period of dormant rest that prepares them for their spring growth, and the hedge witch honors these natural cycles in the tending of his own mental garden.

So, before your Winter Rite, take some time to reflect upon your own circumstance. Imagine what you want your life to look like in one year's time. Pick one goal, one overarching agenda for your entire next year. Are you trying to buy a house? Do you want to find love? Maybe you want to advance in your career. It doesn't matter what area of your life you want to work on. What does matter is that you pick one area, **JUST ONE**, and you stick with it throughout the whole year. This is how the hedge witch works the Wheel of the Year to continuously progress along his personal spiritual evolution.

Any time before the day of your Winter Rite after you have used up the previous year's oleum maleficis, pleasure yourself with thoughts of your successful new yearly goal. What will your life look like? How will you approach the world differently? Really visualize this, but don't stop there. Imagine your successful life with all 5 of your psychic senses. It is important that you collect the semen (soma) with at least 48 hours before you perform your Winter Rite, so that it can dry on the towelette, because you don't want to add moisture to your oil. If you do, it will be more likely to mold. Once the soma has dried, scrape some off into the oleum bottle. Refill it with new sesame oil and store it away in a dark place until the Winter Rite.

In between the Winter and Spring Rites, use this oil for all of your rituals aligned with your goal. It has the seed of your generative force within it. It is especially powerful for removing obstacles from your path to success during this phase of the cycle.



As spring approaches, consider what new things must manifest in your life to bring you closer to your yearly goal. By this point in the cycle, you should have succeeded at removing most (if not all) of the obstacles that stood in the way of your success regarding this purpose. Now, it's time to focus on new growth. This is symbolized by the dried Spring flowers, which will be added to the oleum maleficis during your Spring Rite. As you add the flowers to your oil, remember your yearly goal while you connect with the surging

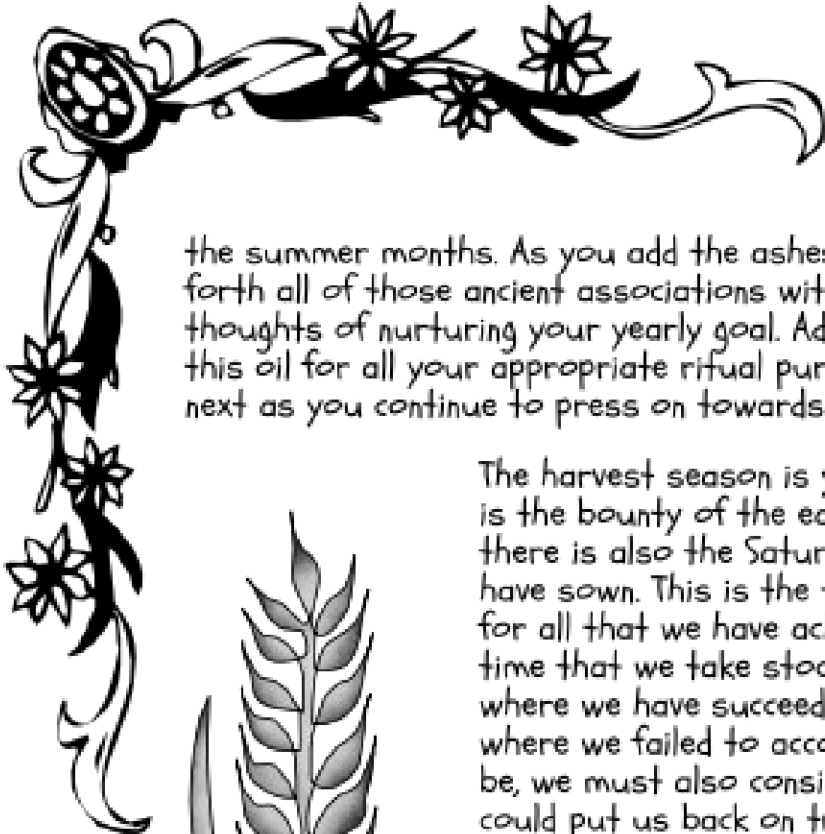
energies of spring. Imagine that your own seed within the oil has begun to take root in the ether and your yearly goal is beginning to show signs of "blooming" within your life. If your oleum maleficis is running low, add more carrier oil as needed.

Use this oil for all your appropriate ritual purposes as the spring season progresses into summer, just as you did during the winter months. Again, this oil will be especially potent when dealing with manifesting new things into your life. It can be used for fertility of thought, for love, or for any purpose that is in alignment with the new growth of spring. If need be, take some time to contemplate how this season is reflected within you and influences your chosen goal.

During the summer solstice, the sun (and, therefore, the male energies, since the sun is a symbol of male virility) is at its most powerful. Just as we see with the full and waning moons in the lunar cycle, whenever the celestial orbs reach the apex in their course, decline is soon to follow. For us, these truths are symbolic or metaphorical. However, for ancient man, this reality was all-too-real. He feared his own decline would follow in due course with the great sun's. In an act of sympathetic magic, he built bonfires for protection, good luck, success, and vibrant health.

The ashes of the hedge witch's Summer Rite fires carry all of the morphic resonance that our ancestors imbued within this ancient practice. The ashes of your Summer Rite fire should be added to the oleum maleficis after the fire has been allowed to die out. In so doing, the hedge witch adds a certain element of virility, power, and luck to help along his yearly goal. What started to bloom in the spring, now begins to bear fruit in





the summer months. As you add the ashes to the oil during the rite, conjure forth all of those ancient associations within your mind and focus on thoughts of nurturing your yearly goal. Add more carrier oil as needed. Use this oil for all your appropriate ritual purposes between this Sabbat and the next as you continue to press on towards your yearly goal.



The harvest season is yet another time of balance. There is the bounty of the earth with the abundant harvest, but there is also the Saturnine element of reaping what we have sown. This is the time of year that we give thanks for all that we have achieved so far, but it is also the time that we take stock. We must look at the places where we have succeeded so far as well as the places where we failed to accomplish the desired result. If need be, we must also consider any course corrections that could put us back on track. All of these energies are present in the grain. During the Autumn Rite, preserve a separate stalk of grain (either wheat, barley, rye, or something else that holds the essence of the harvest to you) to add ceremoniously to your *oleum maleficis*. As you do so, focus on the energies of the harvest. Recognize its bounty, but also acknowledge the labor and hard work that were essential to bringing forth that abundance. Give thanks and be willing to acknowledge any places where you might need to readjust your plans to get back on track regarding your yearly goal.

At the Full Moon immediately preceding your Winter Rite burn the remainder of your *oleum maleficis* in your lamp of art to bring the yearly goal to completion. Spend some time in quiet reflection, staring into the flame as you focus your thoughts on your inevitable success.

