

FOR SEASONAL WELLNESS

## THYME INFUSED

NATURAL ANTBIOTIC

& EXPECTORANT

### YOU WILL NEED

8 oz. olive oil 1 bunch fresh thyme or 1/4 c. dried thyme



THIS THYME OIL CAN BE RUBBED TOPICALLY ON CHESTS, TAKEN INTERNALLY, OR ADDED TO THE OXYMEL SALD DRESSING.

WE ALL HAVE THYME IN OUR GARDENS OR GROCERY STORES. THYME IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE SEASONAL WELLNESS HERBS, BECAUSE IT HAS ANTIBIOTIC ACTIVITY AGAINST THE BACTERIA THAT MOST COMMONLY CREATE COUGHS & COLDS. THYME IS MY GO TO INTERVENTION FOR COUGHS. IT AIDS IN CLEARING A PRODUCTIVE COUGH & SOOTHING A DRY, SPASTIC COUGH.

INSTRUCTIONS: Place 1 bunch of fresh thyme or 1/4 c. dried thyme in an 8 oz. jar. Cover thyme in olive oil. If you are using fresh thyme, make sure to completely cover to avoid mold growth. Let sit for 2 weeks. Thyme can be strained out or consumed according to your preference.

# OXYMEL SALAD DRESSING

An oxymel is an herbal extract made with vinegar & honey, which makes it perfect to be used as a salad dressing.



#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Add sliced garlic cloves to apple cider vinegar. Simmer vinegar for 10-20 minutes, staring often. Garlic can be optionally strained out of vinegar after boiling.
- 2 Add 1/2 c. honey to warm vinegar& story until it dissolves.
- 3 Add 1 chopped onion & enjoy!

NATURAL ANTBIOTIC, ANTIVIRAL & EXPECTORANT

STUDIES SHOW THAT PEOPLE WHO CONSUME GARLIC HAVE A LOWER RISK OF GETTING COLDS & LESS SEVERE CASES. IT CONTAINS VOLATILE OILS THAT HELP SOOTHE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS.

BOTH APPLE CIDER VINEGAR & HONEY HELP US FIGHT THE COLD & FLU. APPLE CIDER VINEGAR HELPS THIN MUCOUS ASSOCIATED WITH COUGHS & HONEY HELPS EXPEL IT.

## GINGER & LEMON TEA

Studies have show honey as a a more effective cough suppressant than dextromethorphan.



### **DIRECTIONS**

- Bring water to a simmer. Add juice of lemon & fresh ginger. Simmer gently for 10 minutes
- Strain & add honey.

NATURAL ANTIBIOTIC, ANALGESIC, MUCOLYTIC, & COUGH SUPRRESSANT

LEMON IS A NATURALLY
OCCURRING SOURCE OF VITAMIN C
THAT CAN HELP THIN MUCOUS &
SOOTHE A SORE THROAT.

GINGER IS ANTI-MICROBIAL& HELPS
THE IMMUNE SYSTEM FIGHT
INFECTIONS. IT'S ANTIINFLAMMATORY PROPERTIES CAN
HELP REDUCE PAIN, CONGESTION, &
COUGH ASSOCIATED WITH COLDS &
FLUS.

## ECHINACEA FRESH TEA

You have probably seen echinacea growing in someone's garden. It makes a beautiful immune supportive tea as well.



#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1 Bring water to a boil on the stove. Add Echinacea.
- 2 Cover pot & aggressively simmer for 10 minutes then strain.
- 3 Add honey for sweetness if preferred.

IMMUNE SUPPORTIVE

ECHINACEA AUGUSTIFOLIA HELPS SUPPORT THE IMMUNE SYSTEM TO RESPOND TO INFECTION. IT MAY DECREASE THE DURATION OF COLDS & FLUS, AS WELL AS ALLEVIATE ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS.



## MUCOLYTIC ANTIBACTERIAL,

Consuming a spoonful of this grated root may help clear congestion through a compound called allyl isothiocyanate. This compound causes irritation of sensory nerves in the respiratory tract, reducing inflammation and helping clear congestion. It also helps break down mucous.



# Elderberry

## ANTIVIRAL

While elderberries grow wild, I recommend leaving the production of syrup up to the professionals. Elderberries contain a toxic cyanide compound & require much processing before being safe to consume. There are also toxic elderberry look alikes (liked the poke berries I picked & photographed for this booklet before taking a closer look & trashing the photo). However, elderberry mimics the action of the flu drug Tamiflu. It is best given at the onset of symptoms, instead of taken continously throughout the season.