

# **FESTIVE HERBAL TEA**

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## INGREDIENTS

- SCOTS PINE NEEDLES
- HAWTHORN BERRIES
- ROSEHIPS

# YOU WILL NEED

- PAN WITH LID / TEAPOT
- SIEVE / STRAINER

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THE USE OF SCOTS PINE IN ANY FORM IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PREGNANT OR NURSING WOMEN

ANY CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN GATHERING OR PREPARING THIS TEA MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT

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PLEASE TAKE GREAT CARE WHEN PICKING WILD HERBS TO ENSURE YOU CORRECTLY IDENTIFY YOUR INGREDIENTS. SCOTS PINE CAN BE CONFUSED WITH YEW, WHICH IS NOT SAFE TO CONSUME. CHECK WOODLAND TRUST I.D. WEB PAGES OR CONSULT A FORAGING GUIDEBOOK OR HERBALIST. IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE DO NOT CONSUME.

# STEP ONE

RINSE ALL INGREDIENTS THOROUGHLY, THEN REMOVE PINE NEEDLES AND BERRIES FROM THEIR STEMS. DISCARD STEMS.

# **STEP TWO**

PLACE EQUAL PARTS SCOTS PINE NEEDLES, HAWTHORN BERRIES AND ROSEHIPS IN A PAN (ABOUT A HANDFUL OF EACH) AND COVER WITH WATER. SIMMER GENTLY FOR AROUND 30 MINUTES, TOPPING UP THE WATER IF NECESSARY. KEEP THE PAN LID ON TO ENSURE ESSENTIAL OILS FROM THE PINE NEEDLES ARE NOT LOST.

### **STEP THREE**

REMOVE FROM THE HEAT. STRAIN TEA THROUGH A SIEVE TO SERVE. ADJUST STRENGTH BY TOPPING UP WITH MORE FRESHLY BOILED WATER IF DESIRED.

# ALTERNATIVELY...

STEEP YOUR INGREDIENTS IN A TEAPOT FOR ABOUT 15 TO 20 MINUTES, THEN STRAIN TO SERVE. THIS WILL CREATE A MORE DELICATE FLAVOUR.