

Blend your own tobacco

Only very few pipe smokers have ever made acquaintance with plain, pure natural tobacco - except for those who prefer to smoke so-called English Mixtures or Flake tobaccos. The predominant number of pipe tobacco mixtures available are, in fact, blended with more or less flavouring agents and aroma extracts. And as most pipe smokers here in Germany do prefer these blends for their daily smoking pleasure, they are r(e)presented correspondingly in our catalogue assortment. Still, through the past decades and somehow against the general trends we have always reserved properly wide space for pipe tobaccos without flavourings. Some examples are Nos. 1 - 4, 6, 7, and 11 from the TORBEN DANSK range, our Virginia flakes "Veermaster" or "Skipper's", our "Gordon Pym" (one of the best selling smooth Latakia blends over the past 25 years) and, not to forget, BILL BAILEY's "Best" and "Balkan" blends. Beyond that, a range of **plain natural blending tobaccos** is a firmly established part of our tobacco assortment since more than 25 years, and since we have started our own tobacco factory DTM we were able to buy in and offer an even larger number of tobacco specialties of high quality standard, many of them also suitable to be smoked pure on their own. Our choice of blending tobaccos is presented in our DAN PIPE 2010 catalogue on page 61.

Have you ever thought of creating and composing your very own private pipe tobacco blend? You will find that blending your own tobacco will open up a new world of taste and flavours to you, and you will find it is fun to experience this most direct contact with all the varieties of basic leaf tobacco. Last, but not least, those blending tobaccos can very well be used to level down strong blends or, just the opposite, to add the missing spice and depth to some flat or insipid mixtures. Following this introduction, we have listed for you a number of approved blending recipes to help you take your first steps and to give you some ideas of possible compositions. Once you have made some experience of your own you will certainly find a lot of pleasure and satisfaction in creating new interesting blends - your own "Private Reserve".

How to proceed: All you need is a fairly large clean rounded bowl made of glass, plastic or stainless steel, appr. 12 to 15 " (30 - 40 cm) in diameter and 5 - 8 " (12 - 20 cm) in height for the blending itself (large enough to avoid spilling too much tobacco all around) and a suitably large airtight container to store the results of your work. To weigh out the single components you can use letter scales for smaller quantities or kitchen scales for larger quantities. Loosen the tobaccos over the bowl one by one and then blend all components gently and thoroughly until the tobacco scraps and fibres can easily trickle through your splayed fingers. Then fill the blend into your storing container (without pressing too hard) and firmly close the lid. By the way - appropriate and also cheap containers of clear polystyrene are shown on page 85 and 165 in our DAN PIPE catalogue. Your tobacco blend should then rest for at least several days to let it mature and to thoroughly blend the single components' flavours. If you want you can, of course try the result of your composition earlier, and you will realize that, as time passes, the taste will gradually change and improve from the first test smoke to the next. If you store larger quantities make sure to keep the jars cool and away from sunlight.

We highly recommend not to start your first blending trials with too large quantities. You will receive representative results already from a blend calculated to a final amount of 100g, and you avoid ending up disappointed with loads of tobacco far from the taste you were hoping to create and only just right for the trash.

And now, we wish you good success and lots of fun and pleasure on your excursions into the world of real tobacco.

Yours sincerely DANPIPE



Basic blends with Black Cavendish

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| 1) "light and tenderly sweet"
60 % Black Cavendish with flavouring (8509-...)
30 % Virginia Mysore (8532-...)
10 % Virginia Zaire (8507-...) | 7) "fullbodied, light to medium, sweet and spicy"
50 % Black Cavendish without flavouring (8528-...)
30 % Virginia Mysore (8532-...)
15% Holly's Non Plus Ultra (8081-...)
5% Latakia Syrien (8510-...) |
| 2) "light and sweet with spicy notes"
as described under 1), but with plain Black Cavendish without flavouring (8528-...) | 8) "light, good sweetness with smoky notes"
40% Black Cavendish without flavouring (8528-...)
20% Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...)
20% Virginia Mysore (8532-...)
15% Holly's Non Plus Ultra (8081-...)
5% Latakia Syrien (8510-...) |
| 3) "light, tender, not too sweet, fairly fullbodied"
60 % Black Cavendish with flavouring (8509/...)
30 % Virginia Zaire (8507-...)
10 % Virginia Mysore 4mm (8533-...) | 9) "light and sweet, smoky and fairly spicy"
as described under 8), but with 20% "Orient Spezialität" (8503-...) instead of Mysore Ready Rubbed. |
| 4) "light, tender, less sweetness, fairly fullbodied"
as described under 3), but with plain Black Cavendish without flavouring (8528-...) | 10) "fullbodied smoky spice, not too sweet"
40% Black Cavendish without flavouring (8528-...)
25% Latakia Syrien (8510-...)
10% Virginia Zaire (8507-...)
10% Orient Spezialität (8503-...)
10% Virginia Mysore 4mm (8533-...)
5% Holly's Non Plus Ultra (8081-...) |
| 5) "Black & Gold", wonderfully smooth and sweet
50 % Black Cavendish with flavouring (8509/...)
50 % Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...) | |
| 6) "Black & Gold", smooth with delicate spice notes
50 % Black Cavendish without flavouring (8528-...)
50 % Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...) | |

Various Virginia Blends

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| 1) "Ready Rubbed Classic" fairly light
50% Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...)
45% Virginia Mysore (8532-...)
5% Louisiana Perique (8516-25) | 3) "Ready Rubbed Classic" medium
60% Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...)
30% Virginia Zaire (8507-...)
5% Holly's Non Plus Ultra (8081-...)
5% Louisiana Perique (8516-25) |
| 2) "Ready Rubbed Classic" medium to full
50% Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...)
30% Virginia Zaire (8507-...)
10% Black Cavendish without flavouring (8528-...)
5% Kentucky (8522-25)
5% Louisiana Perique (8516-25) | 4) "Virginia-Orient-Blend" fairly light
35% Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...)
35% Virginia Mysore (8532-...)
10% Virginia Mysore 4mm (8533-...)
15% Orient Spezialität (8503-...)
5% Louisiana Perique (8516-25) |

Various "English Mixtures" with Latakia

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| 1) "English Classic" fairly light
80% Virginia Mysore (8532-...)
10% Orient Spezialität (8503-...)
10% Latakia Syrien (8510-...) | 3) "English Classic" medium
50% Virginia Zaire (8507-...)
30% Latakia Cypem (8511-...)
15% Orient Spezialität (8503-...)
5% Kentucky (8522-25) |
| 2) "English Classic" light to medium
50% Virginia Mysore (8532-...)
20% Virginia Mysore Ready Rubbed (8535-...)
25% Latakia Syrien (8510-...)
5% Louisiana Perique (8516-25) | 2) "English Classic" medium to full
40% Virginia Zaire (8507-...)
40% Latakia Cypem (8511-...)
10% Orient Spezialität (8503-...)
10% Kentucky (8522-25) |

Blending ready-made DTM mixtures from our catalogue assortment

"Light to Medium" without Latakia

25 % Torben Dansk No. 10 (8010-...)	70 % Bulldog "Golden Flake" (8414-...)
50 % Treasures of Ireland "Galway" (8736-...)	30 % Torben Dansk No. 10 (8010-...)
25 % "Wappen von Hamburg" (8206-...)	Allow 1 - 2 weeks maturation.
75 % Torben Dansk No. 10 (8010-...)	60 % Torben Dansk No. 10 (8010-...)
25 % Peter Rasmussen "Black Label" (8040-...)	40 % COMPANION "Virginia Flake" (8401/...)
90 % TIMM'S OWN BLEND No. 66 (7466-100)	Allow 2 - 3 weeks maturation.
10 % Virginia "Ribbon Cut" (8505-...)	85 % Olaf Poulsson No. 12 (8312-...)
80 % Black Cavendish mit Flavour (8509-...)	10 % Torben Dansk No. 10 (8010-...)
20 % Swatte Deern (8407-...)	5 % Virginia "Ribbon Cut" (8505-...)
50 % Treasures of Ireland "Shannon" (8733-...)	50 % Torben Dansk No. 10 (8010-...)
50 % Treasures of Ireland "Killarney" (8735-...)	50 % Olaf Poulsson No. 12 (8312-...)
50 % Black Cavendish mit Flavour (8509/...)	50 % Torben Dansk No. 9 (8009-...)
25 % Tordenskjold "Virginia Slices" (8055-...)	50 % Olaf Poulsson No. 12 (8312-...)
15 % Virginia "Mysore" (8532-...)	Requires longer maturation time, reaches its optimum after appr. 3 months.
10 % Virginia "Ribbon Cut" (8505-...)	40 % Virginia "Mysore" 1,6 mm (8532-...)
Less sweet and more spicy if blended with unflavoured Black Cavendish.	30 % Copenhagen "Cavendish" (8030/...)
50 % Bulldog "Golden Flake" (8414-...)	20 % Black Cavendish ohne Flavour (8528-...)
50 % Black Cavendish ohne Flavour (8528-...)	10 % Virginia "Mysore" 4mm (8533-...)
Allow at least 2 - 3 weeks to mature, best after 4 weeks.	45 % Copenhagen "Cavendish" (8030-...)
Variation:	30 % Treasures of Ireland "Killarney" (8735-...)
45% Black Cavendish and 5% Louisiana Perique, increases fullbodied taste and gets even smoother.	15 % Virginia "Mysore" 4 mm (8533-...)
	10 % Black Cavendish ohne Flavour (8528-...)

"English Mixtures" with Latakia

48 % Black Cavendish ohne Flavour (8528-...)	65 % Torben Dansk No. 8 (8008-...)
45 % Bulldog "Golden Flake" (8414-...)	15 % Virginia "Ribbon Cut" (8505-...)
5 % Latakia "Syrien" (8510-...)	10 % Tordenskjold "Virginia Slices" (8055-...)
2 % Louisiana Perique (8516-25)	10 % Latakia "Cypem" (8511-...)
Allow 3 - 4 weeks maturation.	50 % Torben Dansk No. 7 (8007-...)
30 % Torben Dansk No. 5 (8005-...)	50 % Gordon Pym (8404-...)
20 % Black Cavendish ohne Flavour (8528-...)	50% Bulldog "Golden Flake" (8414-...)
20 % Virginia "Ribbon Cut" (8505-...)	50% Latakia Syrien (8510-...)
20 % Virginia "Mysore" 4 mm (8533-...)	Allow at least 4 weeks for maturation.
10 % Latakia "Cypem" (8511-...)	

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