



# DIY Luxury Deep Nourishing Gel Hand Sanitizer: A Complete Guide

## Introduction: Why Make Your Own Nourishing Sanitizer?

Store-bought sanitizers often leave our hands feeling like sandpaper. As a professional formulator, I'll guide you through creating a luxurious, skin-loving sanitizer that both protects and nourishes. This detailed guide ensures success, even if you've never made skincare products before.

## Pre-Production Planning

### Workspace Setup

1. Clear counter space (at least 3 feet square)
2. Clean all surfaces with disinfectant
3. Lay down clean paper towels
4. Ensure good ventilation (open window or fan)
5. Keep pets and children away from work area

### Safety Equipment Required

- Protective goggles (any splash-proof safety glasses)
- Nitrile gloves (2 pairs)
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Hair tie for long hair
- Closed-toe shoes
- Optional: Face mask

### Essential Tools List

1. Digital scale (measures in grams and ounces)



2. Glass mixing bowl (4-cup capacity)
3. Stainless steel whisk
4. Glass measuring cups:
  - 1-cup measure
  - 2-cup measure
5. Measuring spoons:
  - 1 tablespoon
  - 1 teaspoon
  - ½ teaspoon
6. Small funnel (2-inch opening)
7. Glass stirring rod
8. Clean cloth towels
9. Thermometer (optional but helpful)

## Containers Needed

- 4 × [4oz PET plastic bottles](#) (clear)
- Flip-top caps
- Labels for bottles
- Marker for labeling

## Complete Ingredients Breakdown

### Base Components

1. [99% Isopropyl Alcohol](#) (1¾ cups)
  - Must be exactly 99%
  - No substitutions
  - Room temperature
2. [Organic Aloe Vera Gel](#) (½ cup)
  - Pure, uncolored
  - No added ingredients
  - Room temperature



## Thickening System

1. [Carbomer 940](#) (2 teaspoons)
  - Store in airtight container
  - Keep away from moisture
2. [Triethanolamine](#) (1 teaspoon)
  - Keep in original container
  - Use exact amount

## Nourishing Complex

1. [Vegetable Glycerin](#) (2 tablespoons)
  - 100% pure
  - Food-grade quality
2. [Hyaluronic Acid](#) (1 tablespoon)
  - Low molecular weight
  - Powder form preferred
3. [Jojoba Oil](#) (1 tablespoon)
  - Golden, unrefined
  - Cold-pressed
4. [Vitamin E Oil](#) (1 teaspoon)
  - D-alpha tocopherol
  - Natural source
5. [Pantothenate, B5](#) (1 teaspoon)
  - Powder or liquid form
  - Pro-vitamin B5



6. [Allantoin](#) (½ teaspoon)
  - Fine powder
  - Cosmetic grade

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## Essential Oil Blend

1. [Lavender](#) (30 drops) [More information on lavender essential oil](#)
  - True lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*)
  - Therapeutic grade
2. [German Chamomile](#) (20 drops) [More information on German Chamomile Essential Oil](#)
  - German chamomile preferred
  - Blue color normal
3. [Helichrysum](#) (15 drops) [More information on Helichrysum Essential Oil](#)
  - Immortelle variety
  - Light yellow color
4. [Frankincense Serrata](#) (15 drops) [More Information on Frankincense Serrata Essential Oil](#)
  - *Boswellia serrata*
  - Fresh, clear scent
5. [Sandalwood Australian](#) (10 drops) [More information on Australian Sandalwood](#)
  - Australian sandalwood acceptable
  - Rich, woody aroma

## Detailed Step-by-Step Production Process



## **Phase 1: Preparation (15 minutes)**

1. Sanitize Workspace (5 minutes)
  - Wipe all surfaces with alcohol
  - Clean all tools with hot water
  - Dry thoroughly with clean towels
  - Lay out paper towels
  
2. Organize Ingredients (5 minutes)
  - Group by phase
  - Check all measurements
  - Verify ingredient quality
  - Bring to room temperature
  
3. Safety Setup (5 minutes)
  - Put on protective gear
  - Secure hair
  - Check ventilation
  - Have paper towels ready

## **Phase 2: Base Creation (10 minutes)**

1. Measure Alcohol (3 minutes)
  - Use glass measuring cup
  - Pour exactly  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cups
  - Keep away from flames
  - Note temperature
  
2. Add Aloe Vera (2 minutes)
  - Measure  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup exactly
  - Add to alcohol slowly
  - Stir gently
  - Avoid creating bubbles



### 3. Initial Mixing (5 minutes)

- Use glass stirring rod
- Mix in one direction
- Ensure complete blending
- Check for clarity

## **Phase 3: Thickening Process (15 minutes)**

### 1. Add Carbomer (5 minutes)

- Sprinkle slowly over surface
- Do not dump all at once
- Use sifter if available
- Avoid clumps

### 2. Initial Whisking (5 minutes)

- Whisk gently at first
- Increase speed gradually
- Watch for thickening
- Maintain consistent motion

### 3. TEA Addition (5 minutes)

- Add dropwise
- Whisk continuously
- Watch for gel formation
- Check consistency

## **Phase 4: Nourishing Complex Integration (20 minutes)**

### 1. Add Glycerin (3 minutes)

- Pour slowly while stirring
- Ensure full incorporation



- Check thickness
- Note any changes

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## 2. Hyaluronic Acid Addition (5 minutes)

- Sprinkle slowly
- Whisk thoroughly
- Allow to hydrate
- Check for clumps

## 3. Oil Phase Addition (7 minutes)

- Add jojoba oil slowly
- Mix thoroughly
- Add vitamin E
- Ensure complete blending

## 4. Final Additions (5 minutes)

- Add panthenol
- Incorporate allantoin
- Mix gently
- Check consistency

## **Phase 5: Essential Oil Integration (15 minutes)**

### 1. Primary Oils (5 minutes)

- Add lavender first
- Follow with chamomile
- Count drops carefully
- Mix between each

### 2. Secondary Oils (5 minutes)

- Add helichrysum



- Follow with frankincense
- Mix gently
- Note aroma development

### 3. Final Oil (5 minutes)

- Add sandalwood last
- Mix thoroughly
- Allow blend to marry
- Check final scent

## **Phase 6: Quality Control (10 minutes)**

### 1. Consistency Check (3 minutes)

- Check thickness
- Test gel structure
- Verify smoothness
- Note any separation

### 2. Aroma Verification (2 minutes)

- Check scent balance
- Ensure pleasant aroma
- Note any changes
- Allow to settle

### 3. Visual Inspection (5 minutes)

- Check clarity
- Look for particles
- Verify color
- Note any issues

## **Phase 7: Bottling Process (15 minutes)**





### 1. Bottle Preparation (5 minutes)

- Clean bottles thoroughly
- Dry completely
- Check caps
- Prepare labels

### 2. Filling Process (5 minutes)

- Use funnel
- Fill to shoulder
- Avoid spills
- Clean bottle necks

### 3. Final Steps (5 minutes)

- Cap tightly
- Apply labels
- Record date
- Note batch number

## **Storage and Usage Guidelines**

### **Proper Storage**

- Keep below 75°F (24°C)
- Store away from sunlight
- Avoid bathroom storage
- Check weekly for changes

### **Usage Instructions**

1. Amount: Quarter-size portion
2. Application: Rub thoroughly
3. Duration: Until completely dry
4. Frequency: As needed



## **Troubleshooting Common Issues**

### **1. Too Thick**

- Add alcohol gradually
- Remix thoroughly
- Check temperature
- Verify measurements

### **2. Too Thin**

- Check Carbomer amount
- Verify TEA ratio
- Review mixing process
- Consider temperature

### **3. Separation**

- Remix gently
- Check ingredient quality
- Verify measurements
- Monitor storage conditions

## **Pro Tips for Success**

### **1. Temperature Control**

- Work at room temperature
- Monitor ingredient temps
- Store properly
- Check regularly

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### **2. Quality Assurance**

- Use fresh ingredients
- Check expiration dates
- Verify measurements



- Document process

### 3. Consistency Checks

- Test frequently
- Note any changes
- Adjust as needed
- Keep records

## FAQs

1. Can I substitute ingredients?
  - No, follow recipe exactly
2. How long does it last?
  - 6 months properly stored
3. Is it travel-safe?
  - Yes, in proper containers
4. Can I adjust the scent?
  - Yes, maintaining total drops
5. How much does it make?
  - Two 8oz bottles exactly

## Conclusion

This detailed guide ensures success in creating a professional-grade nourishing hand



sanitizer. Following these steps precisely will result in a luxurious, effective product that both sanitizes and nourishes your skin.

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