



Instructions for how to use our Lip Balm Base



Our lip balm base requires the addition of flavour and if desired, colour, to turn it into a finished product. It is listed in our catalogue as follows:-

Lip Balm Base. Suitable for tubes, jars & tins (semi-solid, petroleum free)

This base is designed for ease of use when dispensing in either jars, tins or tubes. The consistency is such that it will coat the finger-tip and spread easily on the lips.

Instructions:

Gently melt the base over a low heat in either a heavy-bottomed saucepan or in a bain-marie. **DO NOT OVERHEAT.** Once melted, if you want to add a little colour (and we mean a LITTLE), choose to use one of our oil-dispersible pigments such as product code KD401, KD403, KD404 or KD405, which come as insoluble powders and are suitable to colour oils/butters/waxes etc.. Keep the colour subtle, as you don't want to colour the lips, just the product. To use these, mix a very small amount thoroughly in a spoonful of the melted base, then once you're happy that there's no 'spotting' add it to the bulk.

If you'd like to flavour this, you may choose to use any one of our flavours (not fragrances) or a suitable essential oil, such as Orange, Lemon, Lime etc.. Typically a 5% inclusion of any flavour product will be enough to get a noticeable flavour when applied to the lips. Because this is an entirely oil-based product, some of the flavours may need quite vigorous stirring to get them to merge.

Once you have all the inclusions in your base, simply pour into suitable containers (jars or tins are best in this instance) and leave to set, preferably in a fridge.

To make tubes:

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mobile.

To enable hand-filling of tube applicators you must first fill a shallow tray with cold water. Place your tubes upright on this tray with the 'mechanism' immersed in the cold water. using the melted base as cool as possible whilst keeping it mobile, pour a small amount in each tube as a 'plug' and let this set for a few minutes. The cold water causes this small 'plug' to set-up solid quite quickly. Once this 'plug' has set, fill the remainder of each tube with the rest of your melted base and leave to cool, preferably in the fridge. If it's inconvenient to place the whole tray in a fridge, leave the tubes to cool at room temperature and simply harden them off in a fridge later.