

How to Use Lip Solutions

Ingredients

- 1 Lip Solutions Lip Balm Base
- Containers of your choice, Lip Balm Pots or Lip Balm Tubes
- Bain-marie or double boiler method:
 - Electric frying pan or saucepan fitted with wire rack
 - Water
- Microwave Method
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 - Microwave safe container
- Transfer pipette(s) or droppers*
- Flavor of your choice, see the Flavor Oils section of our catalog for usage rate recommendations.

Bain-marie or Double Boiler Instructions

If using an electric frying pan: fill 1/3 full with water. Turn on heat to "simmer" temperature. Open jar of Lip Solutions and place jar in an electric frying pan. As water simmers in the pan the heat will melt the Lip Solutions mixture. Stir with transfer pipette if desired, this can help melt the solution that is near the top. Once Lip Solutions is completely melted use transfer pipette to dispense solution into tubes or pots. Allow tubes or pots to cool then cap container.

If using a saucepan: fit the pan with a wire rack and fill 1/3 full with water. Place the saucepan on stove and turn on the heat to medium-low. Open jar of Lip Solutions and place jar in sauce pan on top of the wire rack. As water simmers in the pan the heat will melt the Lip Solutions mixture. Stir with transfer pipette if desired, this can help melt the solution that is near the top. Once Lip Solutions is completely melted use transfer pipette to dispense solution into tubes or pots. Allow tubes or pots to cool then cap container.

Microwave Instructions

Open jar of Lip Solutions and place jar into the microwave. Using the microwave, heat the Lip Solutions right inside the jar, using short bursts of time. We generally recommend short bursts of 30 seconds or so. When the Lip Solutions is mostly melted, stir to melt the last bit instead of overheating the Lip Solutions. Once the Lip Solutions is completely melted, remove from the microwave and stir in the flavor. Use transfer pipette to dispense solution into tubes or pots. Allow tubes or pots to cool then cap container.

NEVER LEAVE MIXTURE TO HEAT UNATTENDED!

If all of the Lip Solutions mixture is not used remove the jar from the heat source and allow it to cool. Once cooled replace the lid on the jar and store until later date. Repeat the process above.



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Adding a Flavor

Once Lip Solutions is completely melted add the flavor oil of choice. Start with the smallest recommended amount of flavor then increase as desired. Use a new transfer pipette for each flavor to prevent cross-contamination. Once the optional flavor has been added and the mixture is completely melted it is time to dispense the solution into tubes or pots. Use a transfer pipette (not shared with the flavor oil bottles) to move the Lip Solutions from the jar to the tubes and pots.

Plate Test

Find a ceramic or glass plate. After you have flavored the Lip Solutions, use a transfer pipette to drop one or two drops of the melted Lip Solutions onto the plate. These drops of Lip Solutions will cool very quickly. Rub your finger on the Lip Solutions and then place the Lip Solutions on your lips. You should make sure your hands are clean and don't have any residual flavor on them, or the test is pointless. Ask yourself these questions: *Is this flavor strong enough for what I wanted? Is this lip balm sweet enough? Do I need to add something to round this flavor? Am I happy with the flavor that this has produced? Do I like the feel of this lip balm on my lips?*

If you can answer these questions to your satisfaction, then you can fill your lip balm tubes and be happy with the flavor results the first time!

Tips

- When filling lip balm tubes fill tube with solution to top of inside screw. Allow to cool for a few minutes and then finish filling. Try to create a dome of Lip Solutions on top of the tube. As the mixture cools the Lip Solutions will shrink and leave a beautiful smooth top with a slight indentation.
- On occasion when a tube is filled completely with the first filling the shrinkage will cause a deep crack in the mixture down the center of the tube near the screw.
- *Glass droppers do not work as they are cooler and the Lip Solutions will set up inside the dropper making dispensing impossible.
- If your plastic pipette keeps its shape when stirring your Lip Solutions, the mixture is not too hot to cause your tubes to warp or leak.

Tips for Filling Trays

- If you leave your lip balm tubes in a filling tray for longer than 24 hours or fill with very hot Lip Solutions, you can cause the tubes to shrink due to the pressure and/or heat. This makes the caps seem to be loose. To fix, simply remove the tubes from the tray, cap, and then apply a shrink band. The heat from the heat gun will make the plastic relax back into its original shape.
- Load the mouths of the tubes into the bottom of the tray. This will give you a flat top of the tray to pour onto and allow you to fill all the tubes by gently flooding the tray.

Happy making!



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