

(return to the heat if necessary to ensure even melting but take care not to overheat).

7. Stir until cold.
8. Weigh 30 g and pack into a collapsible tube or amber glass jar. Label and dispense.

5. Choice of container

A collapsible tube or plain amber jar would be most suitable.

6. Labelling considerations

a. Title

The product is official, therefore the following title would be suitable: 'Simple Ointment BP'

b. Quantitative particulars

Quantitative particulars are not required as the product is official.

c. Product-specific cautions (or additional labelling requirements)

'For external use only' will need to be added to the label as the product is an ointment for external use.

d. Directions to patient – interpretation of Latin abbreviations where necessary

'Apply as directed.'

e. Recommended *British National Formulary* cautions when suitable

Not applicable.

f. Discard date

The product is an ointment and so will attract a 3-month discard date.

g. Sample label (you can assume that the name and address of the pharmacy and the words 'Keep out of the reach of children' are pre-printed on the label):

Simple Ointment BP	30 g
Apply as directed.	
For external use only	
Do not use after (3 months)	
Mr Martin Ally	Date of dispensing

7. Advice to patient

The patient would be advised to apply the ointment as directed. In addition, the discard date and the fact that the product is for external use only would be highlighted to the patient. If further direction for use is requested, the patient could be advised to apply the ointment frequently as the product is an emollient.