Claims

1. A method for producing an applicator for applying a medium in the form of a fluid or pasty media (1), comprising a container (3), which stores the medium (1) in question, and an application element (5, 13), which is attached to the container (3) in a usage position in such a way that said application element provides the medium (1) for application outside of the container (3) through capillary action, characterized by the following steps:

   forming a flexible tube (27) out of a thermoplastic plastic material by extrusion and inserting the flexible tube (27) into a mold (31),

   forming a container (3), which is closed at the bottom, by expanding the flexible tube (27) in the mold (31),

   at least partially filling the container (3) located in the mold (31) with the medium (1) in question,

   separating the container (3) from a section of the flexible tube (27) in order to form an opening (41), which is accessible at the upper side of the container (3),

   placing the application element (5, 13) in the usage position thereof by at least partially inserting said application element through the opening (41) of the flexible tube (27), and

   affixing the application element (5, 13).

2. The method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the affixing of the application element (5, 13) occurs while simultaneously forming a closure of the container (3) by moving movable mold parts (29) of the mold (31).

3. The method according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, characterized in that the flexible tube (27) is inserted through open, movable head jaws (29) of the mold (31) into a lower mold (33), which forms the container (3), and in that the head jaws (29) are closed in order to affix the inserted application element (5, 13).

4. The method according to Claim 3, characterized in that an application element (5, 13) is inserted, which application element has a retaining element (13), which forms an enclosure for a capillary material, a strip-shaped material, or a band- shaped material (5) between a feed section (7), which extends into the container (3) when in the usage position, and a delivery section (9), which is located outside of the container (3) for the application, and in

that the application element (5, 13) by molding the flexible tube (27) on the retaining element (13) is affixed by closing the head jaws (29).

5. The method according to Claim 4, characterized in that a section of the remainder of the flexible tube (27) is separated above the head jaws (29) in order to form another section of the flexible tube, this section protruding over a fixing point (15) on the retaining element (13) of the application element (5, 13).

6. The method according to Claim 5, characterized in that the protruding section of the flexible tube can be held open for the insertion of the application element (5, 13) by retaining jaws (43) provided on the head jaws (29), by applying a vacuum to the outside of said protruding section of the flexible tube.

7. The method according to Claims 5 or 6, characterized in that, when closing the head jaw (29), a closure part (19), which encloses the delivery section (9) of the application element (5, 13), is formed from the section of the flexible tube that protrudes over the fixing point (15).

8. The method according to Claim 7, characterized in that, when molding the closure part (19), a predetermined breaking point (59) is formed, at which the closure part (19) can be removed from the container (3).

9. The method according to any one of the preceding Claims, characterized in that the container (3) is provided with a marking fluid, in particular for a color marking.

10. An applicator, which is produced using the method according to any one of the preceding Claims.