

Genuine Rabbit Skin Glue & Sizing Directions



Utrecht Genuine Rabbit Skin Glue is a traditional canvas & panel sizing which exhibits excellent adhesion and barrier properties. For centuries artists have used it to protect raw canvas fibers & panels from the disintegrating effects of fatty acids in oil based colors and grounds.

Very important: Raw fabric preparations prior to sizing!

Moderately stretch canvas on to stretcher bars. Acclimate raw canvas to moisture a few hours before sizing by lightly brushing entire surface with tap water using a large flat nylon brush item # 40183. Canvas will tighten and then relax upon drying. Proceed to size preparation.

Time Tested Recipe

Directions: 6 Level Tablespoons Utrecht Rabbit Skin Glue to 1 Quart Water

First bring 1 quart of water to a boil and remove from heat let it stand for a few moments, then gradually add rabbit skin glue. Stir continuously until the fine granules are completely dissolved.

Application

Place prepped canvas on a flat level surface. With a large nylon brush item # 40183 use some pressure in applying even and uniform brush strokes this will ensure sizing penetrates canvas fibers on painting surface and side profiles. When the glue sizing dries (after several hours) canvas will be slightly rough and fuzzy, gentle sand the surface with fine grain sandpaper to smooth. Apply the second sizing coat in the same manner as the first. To ensure complete coverage apply the second layer cross coating the first layer. Do not sand the second sizing.

The sizing solution will cool after a few hours and begin to jell. Once glue becomes jelled it should be disposed of.

Warning:

Boiling new glue mixtures or reheating jelled glue in order to liquefy will compromise its adhesive strength.

After sizing clean all utensils and brushes with hot water, prime sized canvas with [Utrecht Oil Priming White Ground item # 13110](#).