



RECIPE AND DIRECTIONS FOR SIZING CANVAS WITH RABBIT SKIN GLUE

Note: Keep in mind that glue strength can vary affecting the water to glue ratio.

INGREDIENTS

- dry hide glue
- cold tap water
- double boiler
- electric hotplate with rheostat for temperature regulation
- wooden spoon

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place 1 part hide glue to 10 parts water in the top pan of the double boiler. By volume this would be .4 cup hide glue to 1 quart water. By weight this would be 2.4 oz hide glue to 1 quart water.
2. Soak the glue until it has absorbed the water and swollen (approximately 3 hours), stirring occasionally to keep glue from sticking together.
3. Put water in bottom pan of double boiler and heat over the hot plate until water boils, then transfer to the top pan.
4. Heat glue gently on hot plate (do not boil). You never want to boil the glue as it will lose its adhesiveness.
5. Remove double boiler from heat when the glue has completely melted.
6. Use glue while hot. If the glue cools it will become gelled, and be more likely to create a thick film.

RECIPE AND DIRECTIONS FOR SIZING PAPER WITH RABBIT SKIN GLUE

INGREDIENTS

- Same as for sizing canvas.

DIRECTIONS

1. Same as for sizing canvas, except...
2. When glue size is fully prepared, dilute mixture with an additional 30 parts warm water (3 qt. By this formula).
3. Pour mixture into a wide tray or pan for dipping the paper.