

Egg tempera

PURPOSE: Egg yolk, mixed with water, is one of the most ancient, permanent, and pleasant water-miscible paints. It dries almost instantly.

INGREDIENTS PARTS

<i>Egg yolk</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Water</i>	<i>1</i>

DIRECTIONS FOR MANUFACTURE: Separate the yolk from the white, discarding the white and placing the yolk in your palm. Pass the yolk gently from one palm to the other, drying the empty palm. When the yolk sac becomes fairly dry, pick up the yolk with your thumb and forefinger and hold it over a clean, small jar. Puncture the yolk and drain it into the the jar; add water and shake into a pale emulsion.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE: Deposit small quantities of dry pigments into the wells of a porcelain specimen plate. Use an eye dropper to add water and/or alcohol to each well, and grind with a glass rod. Use a No. 1 or No. 2 pointed round sable brush for traditional cross-hatching technique, adding enough yolk-water to cause a color stroke to dry with luster. Paint over glue gesso applied to a rigid panel.