

Encaustic Technical Information: GESSO APPLICATION GUIDE



Product Description

R&F's Encaustic Gesso provides an easy-to-use, water-based ground specifically formulated for use with encaustic paints. This gesso differs from typical acrylic gessos by having a higher proportion of solid to binder, making it highly absorbent while retaining the adhesive qualities of the acrylic. With our Encaustic Gesso you can easily brush or roll on a white ground that quickly dries to a ready-to-paint surface.

Product Application

We recommend that our gesso be applied by brush or roller. If a thinner coat of gesso is desired we suggest a maximum dilution of 20%. Be aware that the leveling properties of the full strength gesso will even out brushstrokes so that sanding is not required. An application of thinned gesso may require more coats.

Application Information

- Apply the gesso with a brush (or roller) to your support using two full-strength coats allowing for ample drying time between coats.
- For best results, apply to a rigid, heat resistant support.
- Optional - For a smoother surface sanding is a recommended step. Please allow gesso to be fully dry prior to sanding.

Attributes

- Texture: Smooth, fluid, medium bodied
- Sheen: Matte
- Opacity: Opaque
- Drying Time: A single 5 mil coat will be dry to the touch in one hour, while a thicker coat will require more time. Variables such as humidity and temperature will impact overall drying times.

Average 5 mil application coat	4 oz sample	16 oz pint	32 oz quart	128 oz gallon
Coverage (sq ft) - 1 coat	20	80	160	640
Coverage (sq ft) - 2 coats (recommended)	10	40	80	320

Tinting

R&F Encaustic Gesso may be tinted up to 10% with a low viscosity water-based paint.