

## 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.