



RECIPE Tempera

The simplest and oldest vehicle for pigments is egg yolk.

Separate the yolk from the white and mix in a jar with distilled water - about 1:1.
Use a drop of **73700 Clove Oil** as preservative.

The vehicle will keep 2-3 days if kept cool.

Mix pigment that has been wetted with water and the yolk.

Each pigment absorbs a different amount of vehicle; try 1 part pigment to 1 part yolk, and paint a little on a gessoed panel. It should dry with a silky gloss in 2-3 minutes. If it dries dull, add more vehicle, less if it dries too glossy.

Tempera is a slow paint, handled like a pencil drawing, and colors are mixed up fresh each day.