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How to Use Aquavar

Aquavar is a unique art room supply. It has many varied applications to help extend your budget dollars.

Make Your Own Acrylic Paint

Using dry tempera paint: add a few drops of liquid household detergent to full-strength Aquavar. Mix this liquid into the dry tempera paint with a flat knife or the back of a spoon.

Using liquid tempera: add about 50-50 Aquavar to the liquid paint. A thickening will take place, and you will have a remarkably smooth paint.

Aquavar as an Adhesive

Aquavar is a waterproof adhesive when dry. It will bond sand, rock, wood or metal to canvas or any porous surface. For tissue paper collage or paper mache, thin Aquavar about 50% with water.

Create Your Own No-Fire Decals

Use any picture, cut out from the inside page of a magazine. Lay it face up on a piece of newspaper. Dilute Aquavar with 1/3 water (ie, 1/3rd cup water to 2/3rd cup Aquavar). Apply four coats to the face of the picture, reversing directions each time. Each coat will dry in 15-30 minutes. After the 4th coat, trim the edges; this will release your picture from the newspaper. Place the picture face down in a tray with 1" of warm water. Let soak about 15 minutes, then begin to rub the paper back off. (It may be necessary to repeat this step.) The finished print is a plastic-type transparency. Apply to any porous surface with Aquavar as the adhesive. You may "antique" if desired, and continue to add additional coats of Aquavar to embed the decal on the surface.

Oven-Glazed Clay with Aquavar

Allow your clay piece to dry thoroughly. Brush on a coat of Aquavar, covering the entire piece except the bottom surface. Dry completely. Cover a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and place your piece to be baked on the sheet in a cold oven. Set the oven to 350 degrees and turn it on. Leave the door open for 15 minutes to allow gasses to escape. Close the door and bake for an additional 35 minutes. Let the oven cool completely before taking out or handling the piece. The glaze sets up as it cools.

Use Aquavar to seal and protect:

Aquavar Gallon: \$24.95
Aquavar Quart: \$8.95

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