

# Oil Paint

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Oil paint consists of a coloured material (pigment which could be chemical, mineral, or vegetable that is mixed with Linseed Oil.

The Linseed Oil serves 2 functions:-

- ① Acts as a BINDER or Adhesive to hold the particles of pigment together and to bind the paint to the support.
- ② Act as a vehicle to carry the pigment so that it can spread out and be manipulated

Oil paint was developed gradually over a period of about 100 years ago (15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> C's) by artist who strove to cope with problem of blending which arose from an attempt to paint more realistically.

They tried to develop a paint that would dry slowly to allow more time for Manipulation

The time required for ~~oil~~ oil paint to dry depends on the amount of oil present. More oil needs more drying time

## BASIC OIL PAINTING RULES

Always paint from:

1. DARK TO LIGHT
2. THIN TO THICK
3. ~~always~~ Background toward the foreground
4. always use the largest brush possible
5. N.B. oil & water don't mix.