

# **WATER BASED – SIZE**    *SeppLeaf* Products

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**Water Based Size** is a synthetic size that dries clear. It is specially formulated for applying imitation gold, aluminum and copper leaf. Water Based Size will produce an even tack within 25 minutes. It remains open for gilding for 36 hours. Water Based Size is recommended for interior gilding projects only.

## **Surface Preparation**

1. The surface must be smooth, dry and free of dust, oil and wax.
2. To create a smooth surface that will dry evenly, seal porous surfaces such as plaster or raw wood, before applying the Water Based Size. Japan oil paint, shellac, or Burnish Sealers are recommended sealers.

## **Application**

1. Water Based Size is milky-white when wet. This coloring helps user determine where the size has been applied and the evenness of the wet film. Water based Size comes to tack clear and is ready for gilding when the white haze has vanished.
2. Do not dilute Water Based Size, the best result is obtained when used full strength.
3. A thin brush coat or fine mist spray produces the best results. A natural hair brush will produce a smooth layer of size.
4. If the Water Based Size puddles or sags on a surface with deep ornamentations, the excess may be removed by using a soft clean brush. Due to the long open time for gilding, the Water Based Size will retain the same tack on raised areas and recess areas which may reach tack at different times. Wait for the entire surface to reach tack before gilding.

Water Based Size is water soluble in its liquid state. Brushes and spray guns should be washed in water immediately after use. If the Water Based Size has dried, acetone may be used to dissolve the dry material.

Do not add tints, coloring agents, or any other material to the Water based Size.

Protect from freezing. Once damaged by freezing, it forms small clumps and is unusable.

Sold in half-pints, pints, quarts, gallons and 5 gallon containers.

