

What is Encaustic Painting?



Encaustic Painting, also known as hot wax painting, involves using a heated mixture of beeswax and resin, to which colored pigments are added. The wax is then applied to a surface—usually prepared wood, though canvas and other materials are often used.

Metal tools and special brushes can be used to shape the paint before it cools, or heated metal tools can be used to manipulate the wax once it has cooled onto the surface.

Because wax is used as the pigment binder, encaustics can be sculpted as well as painted. Other materials can be encased or collaged into the surface, or layered, using the encaustic medium to stick them to the surface.