

### How to produce your own artists' colours easily with Schmincke „ready-to-use“ binders

Our “ready-to-use” binders provide the ideal basis for making your own paints at home in your own studio. You can use these binders and our extremely lightfast and finest artists' pure pigments of the 18 Series to mix in a flash:

- pasty oil colours (oil binder “ready-to-use” 50 810)
- satin-matt acrylic colours (acrylic binder “ready-to-use” 50 840)
- translucent water-colours (water-colour binder “ready-to-use” 50 820)
- velvet-like gouache colours (gouache binder “ready-to-use” 50 830)
- high-definition linoprint colours (linoprint binder “ready-to-use” 50 850)



according to the simple principle:

**„Ready-to-use“-binder  
+ Schmincke pigment  
= artists' own paint**

Here's how to do it:

- Grind a teaspoonful of pigment with the “ready-to-use” binder of your choice to a smooth paste (you will need the following tools: painting knife and grinding plate made of glass or a flat plate or glazed tile).
- The mixing ratio of binder to pigment very much depends on the type of paint:
- Start off with oil binder “Ready-to-use” (50810) with approx. 1 part binder to 1 part pigment (by weight)
- For all other “ready-to-use” binders (50 820, 50 830, 50 840, 50 850), use approx. 2 parts binder to one part pigment (by weight).



pigment + acrylic binder



- Depending on the pigment, more binder or more pigment is added to achieve the required consistency.
- The right proportions have been reached if dried streaks of paint have a smooth surface and do not come off when rubbed with the dry heel of the hand. Mixtures with a “chalky” surface need more binder.

Try out and enjoy!

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