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technique **NOT**
PERIOD ???

In China & India, silk painting was done using wax (& is poorly documented)

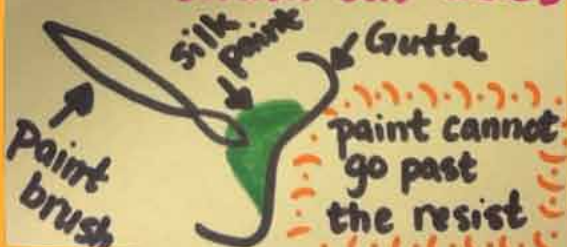
Today gutta is used, which is a rubber-based resist.



Resists

Gutta: A rubber-based
[permanent] resist
(black, silver, gold)

Water-based: (clear)
[wash-out-able]

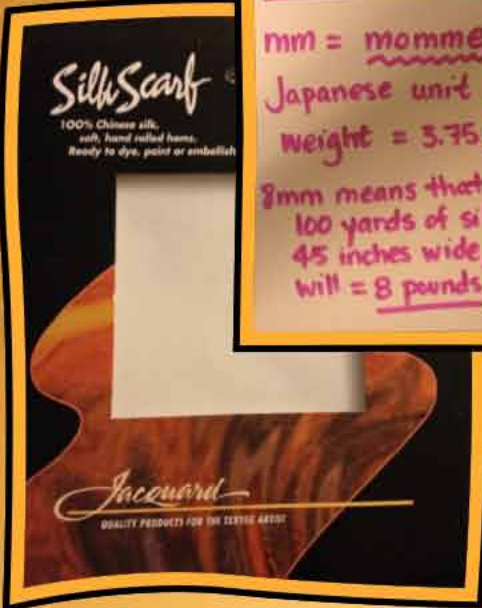


How to Silk Paint

(Modern-day style)

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mm ≠ millimeter
 mm = momme =
 Japanese unit of
 weight = 3.75 grams
 8mm means that
 100 yards of silk,
 45 inches wide,
 will = 8 pounds.



- Supplies Needed:
- silk (8 mm Habotai recommended)
 - Frame & supplies to stretch silk
 - Gutta (resist) in squeeze bottle
 - tip (0.5 cm) for bottle
 - eye droppers or pipettes
 - Brushes
 - water cup
 - paint palette
 - silk paints
 - newspaper
 - scrap cotton fabric
 - tape
 - iron
 - sink
 - salt &/or rubbing alcohol
- optional items





Prep Steps: 5. rinse silk & iron flat.

1. Cover your area with newspaper.
2. Stretch your silk on a frame. It should be very tight!
3. Find a picture you want to trace OR draw one on paper THEN tape right-side up to back of silk

4. Put gutta / resist in squeeze bottle & put tip on nozzle. Trace paper design on to silk.
(very carefully remove paper design)
Let Gutta dry completely!!



Now...
Let's paint!





6. use eye dropper or pipette to put paint on palette.

7. Dip paint brush in paint. Then, simply touch your brush on the silk where you want your color of paint.

The paint will spread by itself & should not go past gutta.

Be careful - don't drip!

8. add salt or alcohol for special effects. (optional)

9. Let paint dry completely!!

10. rinse silk in sink
- remove salt, if necessary
- remove clear resist, if necessary

11. iron silk between 2 pieces of cotton fabric until dry.



Special Effects

Salt = "sucks" wet paint toward salt grains



Rubbing Alcohol = pushes wet paint away from drops of alcohol



1. keep gutta "capped" when not in use.

2. use small amounts of paint in palette. It will go a long way!

3. immediately wash/soak gutta'd tip in order to clean it after use.

4. Go slow to prevent mistakes!

hints & tips

