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**GILDER'S TOOLS & MATERIALS FOR TRADITIONAL GESSO CLASS**

The materials needed to make traditional gilder’s Gesso are few, requiring only Calcium Carbonate (also known as Whiting), Rabbit Skin Glue, Distilled Water, and Isopropyl Alcohol. To prepare the gesso there are a few general tools and containers also needed. Below is a list with a Link to Gildedplanet as a recommendation for the glue, calcium carbonate, and brushes with a recommended minimum quantity of materials for the Gesso Making Class.

**Calcium Carbonate**

CARB3/1

1 LB  
https://www.gildedplanet.com/gesso.html

**Rabbit Skin Glue**  
RSG330/1  
https://www.gildedplanet.com/hidegluesize.html

**Distilled Water**

1 Gallon

**Isopropyl Alcohol**  
70% - 95%

Raw Wood, such as a picture frame or any Moulding as a Practice Class Project (not too large)  
Four (4) Mixing Bowls  
Medium-Large  
Stainless Steel is good but anything for general mixing is fine  
Metric Scale

Spatula (2)

Spoons (3)

Mason Glass Jars: Two (2) Small, Two (2) Medium

Four (4) Plastic storage Cups  
Fifth Burner to heat Water  
Double Boiler Pots (*one pot sits in another*)  
Small Crock Pot

Suggested Brushes to Apply Gesso (*Or purchase locally for comparable style*)  
**German: #D660/3/4** ,beveled Edge  
<https://www.gildedplanet.com/watergildingclasses.html>  
  
**625/1 , Tapered/Mixed Squirrel** **Hair**https://www.gildedplanet.com/watergildingclasses.html