

Care Instructions

Encaustic is one of the most archival mediums but it does require some care and consideration. Although it takes extreme heat or cold to really cause a problem, keeping temperatures regulated is recommended. Wax melts at 150 degrees but it would start to show affects to the surface much before that. Exposure to freezing temperatures should also be avoided.

Installation of an encaustic painting is no different then any other valued piece of art. All paintings should be kept out of direct sunlight and if hung above a fireplace, having ample distance to not be affected by the heat of the fire. When being handled, special care is advised to the fragility of the edges since the surface (and sometimes the sides) is coated with wax.

Encaustic paint will continue to cure and harden after completion; in this process the surface may loose some of its original luster. The finish can be easily restored by gently buffing the surface with a soft cotton cloth, such as a clean, old seamless t-shirt. This is especially true of the darker and red hues.