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## ARTISTS' OIL COLOUR

# Alliance of finesse and purity



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a series of canvases offered either per metre or directly mounted on stretcher frames. Each canvas is specially coated which makes it ready for use. The artist can choose from linen, cotton or synthetic canvasses to cater for the specific qualities of his work.

The range of Lefranc & Bourgeois supports covers

Fine Oil is available in assortments : 5 x 60 mL tubes 6 x 20 mL tubes 12 x 20 mL tubes Artist set : assortment of tubes and accessories Discovery set : assortment of tubes and accessories

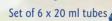
To apply the colour, it is essential to find the highest quality and most professional products throughout the world. Lefranc & Bourgeois manufacture its brushes, paintbrushes and knives using extremely rigorous specifications.



For more information, you can obtain The Technical Guide for Oil Painting or the oil Genuine colour chart on sale at your Fine-Arts specialist or you can connect on our web site : www.lefranc-bourgeois.com.



Lefranc & Bourgeois also offers Lefranc Extrafine oils which give the artist a unique and balanced choice of 119 colours. The range is characterised by its selection of high quality pigments which are used at maximum saturation. This gives exceptional colouring power and remarkable intensity for lightening shades. The paste is creamy and soft to work with a knife or a brush. All colours have those binders : poppy oil or pure linseed oil.



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Lefranc & Bourgeois Beaux-Arts offers other techniques which you can find under the names of : FLASHE, mat Artist's colour to be diluted with water, indelible when dry ; FINE Acrylic ; extra-fine gouache ; FINE gouache.

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**Discovery** set

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Set of 5 x 40 ml tubes

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Artist set

Set of 12 x 20 ml tubes



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**POT** nearly three centuries, Lefranc & Bourgeois has been providing artists with technologically innovative products.

In 1410, when Van Eyck for the first time used siccative oils and a soft resin as a binder for ground pigments, he discovered a new and noble material, characterised by its subtlety and refinement, and suited to wet on wet applications and highly resistant to humidity. The Flemish discovery was used to good effect by the Venetian school in works of outstanding force and vivacity. It was the golden age of oil painting.



**OCACY** at the beginning of the 21st century. Lefranc & Bourgeois has developed a range of oil colours that benefits from all the latest innovations in pigment chemistry and offers all the essential colours for every artist easel. This new range is called *Fine* Oil. The *Fine* Oil colours embody the skills and know-how in the science of colour that we have acquired since 1720 and offers artists all the colour formulations that they

need.



3 formats 50 colours The Fine Oil range is available in three handy formats: 40 ml and 150 ml tubes, and titanium white in 500 ml for frequent professional use or major works.

With its 50 colours, the *Fine* Oil range offers a complete spectrum for every blend and specific colour. The colours have been chosen from those most widely used and we have deliberately limited the number of graduated tints (colours proposed with the addition of white) so that you have complete freedom to create your tones and values.



50 colours

40 mL 50 colours

Extremely finely ground 500 mL Titanium white

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The Fine Oil range from Lefranc & Bourgeois is characterised by an extremely fine grind. We use traditional grinding methods with tri-cylinder grinders made of granite or steel that date back to the second half of the 19th century. The high number of grinding cycles eliminates aggregates, giving a smooth and evenly coloured paste.



## Pigment quality

Our rigorous, highly selective research for the best pigments gives you outstanding colours with excellent lightfastness: emerald green, the yellows, primary red and blue, light cadmium red tint, titanium white, etc.

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You will also find pure, very dark, full-tone colours such as quinacridone pink, that will surprise you with its liveliness and power; light chrome green or violet-red, colours that can be tinted with white to give these tonalities various values of intensity.

Finally, the range has two metal colours reflecting gold or silver that will appeal you.

All the colours of the Fine Oil range can be mixed with one another or with any colour from the other Lefranc & Bourgeois oil colour ranges.

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### Powerful and balanced tonalities

*Two binders are used* : linseed oil for all the colours and soya oil for the 3 whites to prevent yellowing.

Lightfastness : 43 out of the 50 Fine Oil colours have excellent lightfastness due to the pigments selected.

*Purety of the colours*: 24 colours of the range are single pigments. Using a single pigment gives cleaner and brighter tonalities to blends.

Complementary products for that additional personal touch These products are essential companions for the Fine oil colours and allow the artist endow his work with individuality.

The artist will appreciate using them for three reasons :

**Preserving the painting :** the additives nourish the paste to prevent cracking, allow you to paint using thickness, improve the adhesion between successive layers, and protect the painting from external damage.

**Mastering the touch :** possibility of playing with the paste consistency, giving depth and translucence rapidly and with a precise touch or making the paste smoother while keeping its initial gloss.

**Perfecting the appearance** : enhance the transparency, opacity, gloss or matt appearance, make your brush and knife strokes remain visible or render a lacquer smooth, search for thickness or contours, painting «in the manner of ...».

**Oils**: They are siccative, gradually solidify and are used as binding agents particularly for grinding oil colours. Their use slows down the setting of the paste and enriches the paints while following the basic «lean to fat» rule.

OILS	PROCEDURE	USE
Sun-bleached linseed oil	Natural, Sun-bleached	Transparent and very siccative
Clarified linseed oil	Artificial, Natural earth.	Very siccative
Polymerised linseed oil	Cooking	Smooth to the touch and gives a supple film. Does not yellow
Poppy oil		Less siccative than linseed oil but yellows less.

**Solvents** : If left in contact with the air, solvents will totally evaporate. Whether they are extracted from plants or of mineral origin, they are both used as volatile thinners.

SOLVENTS	ТҮРЕ	USE
Rectified turpentine	Vegetale	For the start and general continuation of the painting
Essence of spike lavender	Vegetale	Less volatile. Gives smoothness and high solvent strengh. Preferable for final layers.
Quick drying petroleum	Mineral	Artist quality with no sulphur. High penetrating strength. Enhances matt aspect.
Essential oil of petroleum	Mineral	Behaviour similar to oil while being a thinner.
Odourless solvent	Mineral	Artist quality with no sulphur. High penetrating strength. Enhances matt aspect.

**Siccatives** : Their role is to enhance the drying properties artificially. They must be used with great care because excessive amounts can harm and even counteract the drying effect. Use one drop for one spot of paint.

SICCATIVES	METAL USED	USE
Brown Courtrai drier	Zirconium	The most powerful. For dark colours
White Courtrai drier	Zirconium	For light colours

#### Mediums

These are products that are added to oil paints to make applying the colour easier, to vary the effects and to ensure that the painting will last. They come in liquids, gels and special mediums for making colours transparent.

#### Picture varnishes :

They effectively protect against grime, smoke, scratches and atmospheric pollution. They are also used to give a uniform appearance to the painting. These varnishes must be applied in thin crosshatched layers. Three types of finish can be obtained in this way: gloss, matt or satin.

#### Varnishes

They allow the painting to be completed in the best conditions, and then enable it to age correctly. Each varnish has its own features and properties. Please note: never varnish an oil painting before it has thoroughly dried (from 6 months to a year depending on the thickness of the paint).

#### **Retouching varnishes** :

Their role is to remove any local sinking (matt and porous areas), revive tones with a view to reworking the paint, facilitate application and ensure that successive layers of paint adhere properly. They can also be used as temporary varnishes before the final varnish.