Lusters and Precious Metal Preparations for Glass, Faience (Earthenware) & Porcelains

Lusters are varnish-like preparations. When fired on glass, porcelain, enamel, tiles or earthenware they produce a thin, intensively colored result.

The liquid solutions are ready to use. Keep away from light and heat, store in a cool, dry place (refrigerator recommended). Shake before use.

Work on clean and dry surfaces that are free of fingerprints.

METAL PREPARATIONS (GOLD / PLATINUM)

Available in glossy or matt formulations. Apply with either a brush or a pen. Brushes and pens should be cleaned with turpentine before using them. If the gold becomes too thick, add a few drops of thinner 174. Use different brushes for the gold and the platinum. Brushes must be cleaned with thinner 174.

Metal preparations are opaque and non-resistant after firing.

LUSTERS

Lusters can be used with either thinner 174 or M-350 medium. Apply with synthetic brushes, airbrush, sponge, paper-creasing technique or by immersion.

The colors are intermixable and can be set over each other (careful not to over-mix the lusters to keep vivid colors).

The application of luster colors is best on faience (earthenware) and porcelain.

Some luster colors do not withstand a temperature above 800°C. If luster colors are applied on already-fired pigments do not exceed 600°C (1112°C) as colors may disappear.

Lusters are true transparent and non-resistant after firing.

FIRING

Metal preparations and lusters must be completely dry before firing. Therefore, fire slowly at the beginning and hold briefly at 350°C (662°C) to allow the vapors to evaporate before closing the kiln and bringing to the firing temperature.

Glass: 550-580°C (1022-1076°F)

Faience (earthenware): 700-730°C (1292-1346°F)

Porcelain: 780-800°C (1436-1472°F)

Some luster colors cannot withstand a temperature above 800°C (1472°F). Lusters applied over already fired pigments should not exceed 600°C (1112°F) as they may fade completely.

Gold and platinum applied on white porcelain are fired at 820°C (1508°F). If applied on pigments or reliefs, fire 650-750°C (1202-1382°F), at higher temperatures they crack or blacken.



Mediums

M350 thinner for lusters / cleaner for tools Thinner 174 for lusters, gold and platina / cleaner for tools



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