



# Oil Paint Material History

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# What is Oil Paint ?

- ▶ In its simplest form, oil paint is a mixture of three things: pigment, binder and thinner.
- ▶ Pigment is the colour element.
- ▶ the binder (the oil) is the liquid vehicle.
- ▶ A thinner is usually added to the viscous pigment-oil mixture to make it easier to apply with a brush.



# Pigment and Binder

- ▶ Pigment, any of a group of compounds that are intensely coloured and are used to colour other materials.
- ▶ Binder (drying oils) include linseed oil, poppy seed oil, walnut oil, and safflower oil.



# Paint tube

- ▶ The paint tube was invented in 1841 by portrait painter John Goffe Rand.
- ▶ Paint in tubes also changed the way some artists approached painting



# History

First recorded use

- ▶ Afghanistan's Bamiyan Valley.
- ▶ The oldest known oil paintings date from 650 AD, found in 2008 in caves in Afghanistan's Bamiyan Valley, "using walnut and poppy seed oils.



## JAN VAN EYCK (1390-1441)

- ▶ The use of oil paint as we know it is dated back to late fourteenth century Netherlandish painter Jan Van Eyck, who is cited by researchers as not the first to experiment with oil paint but the one who perfected the technique and medium.
- ▶ Van Eyck painted both secular and religious subject matter, including altarpieces, single-panel religious figures and commissioned portraits



## LEONARDO DA VINCI (1452-1519)

- ▶ Leonardo da Vinci was born in Anchiano, Italy
- ▶ He was a painter, architect, inventor, and student of all things scientific.
- ▶ His natural genius crossed so many disciplines that he epitomized the term “Renaissance man.”



## VINCENT VAN GOGH 1853 – 1890

- ▶ Vincent Willem van Gogh was born on 30 March 1853.
- ▶ He was a Dutch post-impressionist painter.
- ▶ He created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings.

