



## Utrecht Art Supplies Studio Craft: Reclaiming Solvents



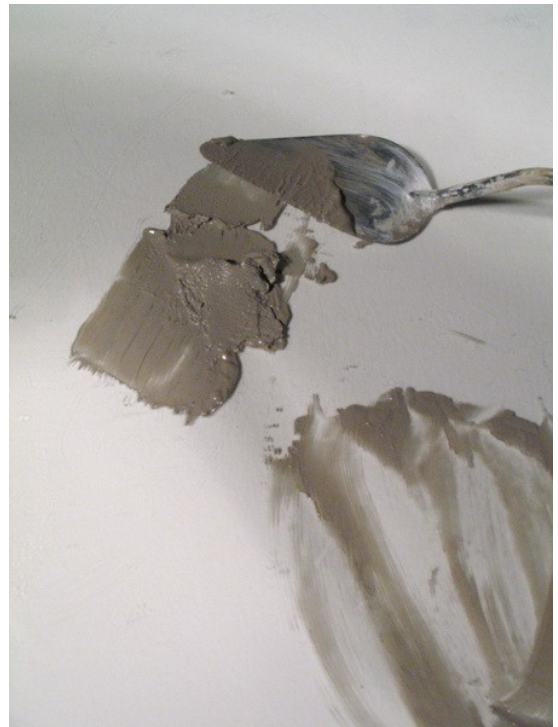
Conservative use of solvents in the studio is a healthy habit that saves money. It's not necessary to throw out used turpentine and mineral spirits after a single use— solvents used for thinning paints and rinsing brushes can be reused repeatedly by allowing pigment residue to settle out.



Store waste solvent in a large glass jar with a tight fitting lid; the clear portion at the top can be poured off for reuse.



Use a wide-mouthed jar for easy collection of the pigment cake at the bottom.



Residue can be stored for proper disposal, re-purposed as a warm neutral tone for primed canvas, or used as a tint for oil primer.



Solvents may eventually need to be discarded after repeated re-use causes an accumulation of oil, resin and wax. Original product containers can be used to hold sludgy thinners for later disposal (clearly label as "waste solvent"). Never pour solvents down the drain, sewer or on the ground!

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