Use with the Jo Sonja’s Artists’ Colours
✓ For Painting & Antiquing Medium
✓ To Delay Drying Time
✓ Does not Reduce Paint Viscosity

**Approximate Coverage:**  1 oz = 3 square feet  
1 ml e = 94 square cm

**Gel Retarder** extends the drying time of the *Jo Sonja’s Artists’ Colours*. It allows an extended working or “open” time for blending and a thicker application of colour can be used in painting techniques. **Gel Retarder** may be used in various ways.

*Practise techniques using this medium before committing to a project.*

**Directions:**
- As a painting medium, moisten the brush with **Gel Retarder** and blend well with colour. If paint drags during painting, refresh by picking up additional **Gel Retarder** in the brush and repeat palette blending.

- Apply a thin coat of **Gel Retarder** directly to the surface for an extended working time.

- **Retarder Medium** can be used to thin the **Gel Retarder** and decrease the “open time” as needed for your area. Begin with 1 part **Gel Retarder** to 1 part paint.

- **Gel Retarder** may be mixed directly into palette colours beginning with an approximate ration of 1 part **Gel Retarder** to 3 parts paint.

- For antiquing, thin colour with **Gel Retarder**. Ratio is determined by strength of colour desired. Begin with 2 parts paint to 1 part **Gel Retarder**. Apply over the painted surface and wipe to create desired effect. Use **Gel Retarder** on a cloth to remove excess.

- When using **Gel Retarder**, **drying time is greatly extended**. Surface may feel dry and still be holding moisture. A hair dryer can be used to speed **surface** drying. An extended dry and cure time should be allowed and varies due to humidity and climatic conditions.

- A coat of **Flow Medium, Magic Mix** or **Clear Glaze Medium** is recommended prior to application of varnish. Any “seizing” or curdling of the product indicates the presence of uncured **Gel Retarder**. Immediately stop application and dry completely before proceeding.

*Clean up with mild soap and cool water.*

**NOTE:** **Gel Retarder** is not recommended for use in brushes after cleaning for storage.