

## **Tip: Adding to an old oil painting**

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If you fish out an incomplete oil painting and you have the desire to complete it, you may find the newly applied paint shrinks away like watercolour on oil. This can happen because paint absorbs oxygen from the air and gets hard and this causes the paint to change on the painting.

Try taking some linseed stand oil and dilute it by 20% with white spirit. Rub this sparingly and very carefully over the surface with a clean lintfree cloth. Leave overnight and then remove the residue. Leave it alone for about a week before starting again on your picture. A new base will then exist for the new paint.