

# Tools for Conservation



A small collection of useful  
Tools for the Conservation  
of Wallpaintings

# Brushes

## Description:

normal brushes for painting of different sizes and softness

## Use:

- first cleaning step for loose dust and dirt
- for wetting the surface

## Advantage:

easy and cheap to buy

## Attention:

to wet a painted surface is always a risk



# Cleaning-brushes

## Description:

special cleaning brushes of different sizes

## Use:

for cleaning of dust, soot and other dirt

## Advantage:

- dry cleaning method
- easy to use
- easy to control

## Attention:

Take care with powdering and flaking paintlayer or brittle plaster



# Akapad

## Description:

special cleaning sponges of different softness (very hard, hard, soft) with rubber effect.

## Use:

for cleaning of dust, soot and other dirt

## Advantage:

- dry cleaning method
- easy to use
- easy to control
- mostly very effective

## Attention:

Take care with powdering and flaking paintlayer or brittle plaster



# Sponges

## **Description:**

special sponges of different density

## **Use:**

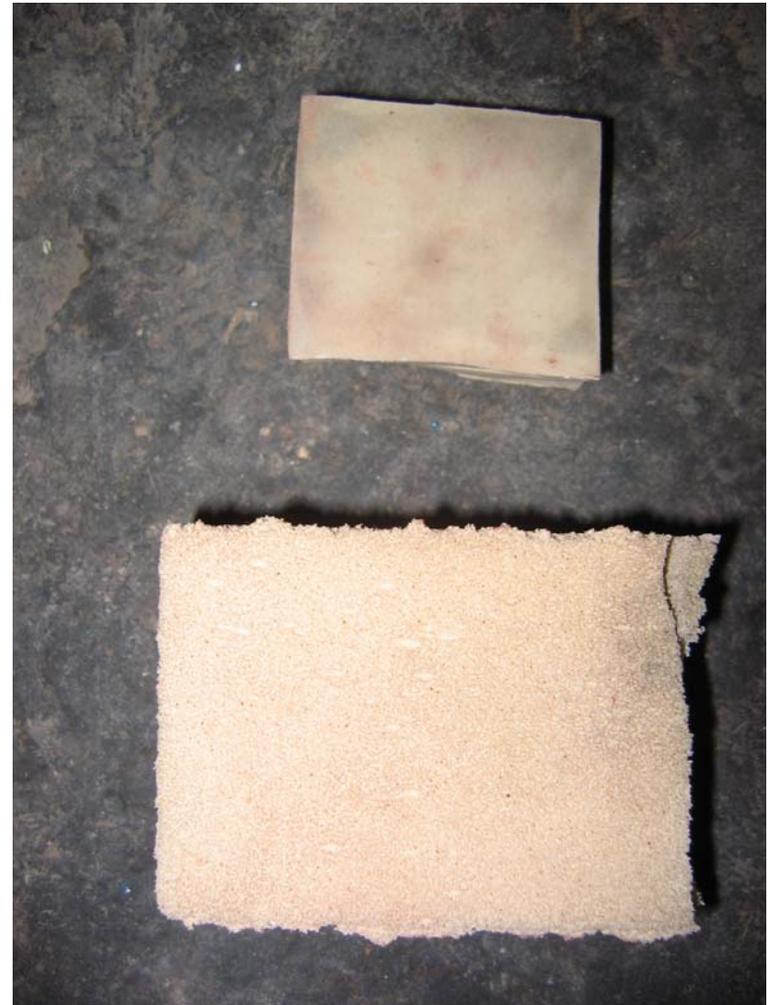
- for cleaning of dust, soot and other dirt
- as aid for injections

## **Advantage:**

different use due to different densities and ingredients

## **Attention:**

Take care with powdering and flaking paintlayer or brittle plaster



# Spatulas

## **Description:**

Stainless steel spatulas of different sizes and different flexibility

## **Use:**

as modeling tool for fillings and repair mortar



## Glass fiber brush

### **Description:**

special kind of brush with changeable glass fiber pens

### **Use:**

for cleaning of very hard dust, soot and other dirt in small areas

### **Advantage:**

- dry cleaning method
- easy to use
- easy to control
- very effective on apparently irremovable dirt

### **Attention:**

high effectiveness due to aggressive cleaning reaction. Take care by powdering and flaking paintlayer or brittle plaster



# Scalpel

## **Description:**

very sharp knife with different kind of blades (normally used for surgery)

## **Use:**

for reducing hard crusts or small peaces of soot or other dirt

## **Advantage:**

- dry cleaning method
- very effective on apparently irremovable dirt

## **Attention:**

Take care for fingers and the painted surface due to the very sharp blade



# Syringes

## Description:

Medical syringes and needles with different cross-sections

## Use:

for injection of injection-mortar behind the surface or into very small holes and to measure liquids exactly

## Advantage:

- very exactly measure method
- easiest way of injections

## Attention:

for the injection of mortar into hollow spaces and holes it is advisable to pin the needle through a piece of sponge to keep the liquid mortar from flowing back



# Tweezers

## **Description:**

stainless steel tweezers of different kinds and sizes

## **Use:**

for any kind of pulling out something, keeping something in place or taking up very small pieces

## **Advantage:**

- tapering tweezers are good for very small objects
- exactly to use

## **Attention:**

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## Cleaning knife

### **Description:**

special cleaning knife with blunt blade

### **Use:**

for cleaning of cracks or removing a second paint layer on top or any kind of softer dirt like mud

### **Advantage:**

- dry cleaning method
- easy to use
- easy to control due to the blunt blade

### **Attention:**

inflexible blade can produce damages

