

Twinrocker
HANDMADE PAPER

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Dear Studio Services Subscriber,

We would like to welcome all the calligraphers who have just joined Twinrocker Studio Services! Howard and I have just returned from the eighth international assembly of lettering artists in Washington D.C. called "Letterforum". We taught a class on surface sizing papers at home with a brush and also had Twinrocker papers available for sale. Because of the importance of sizing in paper for calligraphers, we took a number of text weight papers which we had previously gelatine sized along with our normal papers, which have an interior archival sizing. Gelatine surface sizing provides a harder, more water resistant sheet.

We also "plated" or "Hotpressed" a variety of papers so that participants could see and experience the difference between the two paper surfaces, COLDPRESSED and HOTPRESSED, as well as the two types of sizing, INTERNAL (sizing that is added to the pulp itself before the paper is made) and EXTERNAL, (gelatine or tub surface sizing which is applied to the paper as an additional process after the paper is made). If the gelatine sized sheet is plated, it becomes the smoothest, hardest surface possible in handmade paper. This surface is sometimes important for small writing, along with fine drawing, painting, and photography.

The paper we brought back from the assembly is now listed in this Papers-On-Hand Report. As an example, look for "Not-Quite-White" (which has an internal sizing, as all our papers do if they are not marked "unsized") AND "Not-Quite White--Gelatine". Also notice that some papers are listed as "HP" for Hotpressed. These papers have been plated to a smooth, glazed surface and the 10% surcharge has been added to the price. Normally, we do not plate or calender paper until you order the Coldpressed paper be calendered to a Hotpressed surface, adding the 10% fee at the time of the order.

If you have questions about "sizing" or paper "surfaces", feel free to call us anytime or read about it in the text included in the Twinrocker Sample Book.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Clark