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2. Sticking a label on the object

This method can be used on many types of object but do not use on surfaces that are crumbly, flaky or hairy.

Materials

Use Paraloid B72, starch paste or SCMC (sodium carboxy methyl cellulose). Do not use self adhesive labels or tapes as they always deteriorate. For example, they drop off, refuse to come off and / or stain the object

Consider printing the number using a laser printer or photocopier (both pigment based) onto acid free paper.

For varnished surfaces use starch paste

For plastics use dry starch paste or SCMC

Method

- 1) Write or print the number on a small strip of acid free free paper
- 2) Apply the adhesive to the label
- 3) Press the label onto the object, sufficiently firmly that it moulds itself to the object's contours