

From Lana Wilson:

"MAGIC WATER: I often use this instead of slip: 1 gallon water, 3 Tablespoons liquid Sodium Silcate, 1 ½ teasponns soda ash. Liquid Sodium Silicate is also called egg keep and is sometimes available at drugstores."

"PAPER CLAY: The best mending for cracks or holes on green or bisque that I have EVER seen is paper clay. I also use paper clay as slip when attaching leather-hard pieces for boxes and drawers.

Use about 2/3 to 3/4 volume of paper or toilet paper to 2/3 to 3/4 volume dry clay by volume. Soak the paper and clay overnight in magic water (or plain water). The water should be about one inch above clay and paper. I find mixing with a handheld mixer (e.g., Braun) is easiest but a blender also works well. Pour off extra water.

I have two jars of paper clay in my studio. One is slip consistency for attaching leather-hard pieces. The other jar is a soft clay consistency which I use to solve cracks."