Textured Fresco

The dimensional qualities of Textured Fresco offer a journey through time by reproducing the characteristics of aged, weathered plaster walls. This sculptural finish is great for adding a sense of history to your home. Consider this technique as a highlight in a foyer or powder room.

Time Required:
For an average room with 400 sq. ft. of wall space, it will take you approximately 8 total hours over 2 to 3 days.

Before You Begin:
You’ll find a variety of color combinations for this technique in the Faux Impressions™ store display. Once you narrow down your options, Sherwin-Williams® recommends that you create a sample board to finalize your color selection and practice your technique before tackling an entire wall.

Additional Support:
Watch a step-by-step video of these application techniques at sherwin-williams.com/faux.
**Step 1A Spread on Texture:** Roll a moistened sea sponge roller into the paint tray to fully load it with Faux Impressions™ Dimensional Basecoat. Start in an upper corner and apply in an overlapping, curving motion. Be certain to push the roller into the ceiling line and corners. Sporadic coverage and thickness are appropriate to achieve the proper finish (diagram 1A). Cover an area only as far as you can comfortably reach so you can quickly move on to the next step.

**Step 1B Back-Trowel:** While the product is still wet, softly smooth the surface by holding a finishing trowel nearly parallel to the wall and lightly dragging in a random, curving motion (diagram 1B). Use gentle pressure so that you do not scrape off or completely flatten the high spots. This should result in varied shapes and depth of texture on your wall. Repeat this process across the entire wall, overlapping and feathering edges of each adjacent area. If you find that the texture is sagging or sliding down the wall after you back-trowel it, completely scrape it off and reapply in a slightly lighter thickness. Allow the texture to dry completely. This could take anywhere from four hours to overnight, depending on the thickness of your desired look, humidity and airflow. Check for wet areas and soft spots prior to beginning the next step.

**Step 2**

**Step 2 Apply Base Coat Color:** Apply two coats of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte paint in your base coat color, following the label directions for recommended drying and recoat times. Matte finish is required for proper results. You may use a brush to cut into corners and around trim, but while the paint is still wet, immediately blend it into the body of the wall with a 6” premium 3⁄8” nap roller (diagram 2). This is an important technique to follow, as any brush marks will create an unwanted “picture frame” effect around the edges of your wall when you’re finished. Cover the remainder of the wall using your 9” premium 3⁄8” nap roller.

**Step 3A Mix Decorative Glaze:** Once the paint is dry and appears to have a uniform matte sheen, you are ready to mix your decorative glaze. Pour 8 ounces of Faux Impressions™ Latex Glaze into a mixing container and add 8 ounces of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte (glaze color). Stir the contents to create a uniform solution. This mixture will cover approximately 350 – 400 square feet. Apply a small amount of the glaze mixture to the moistened sea sponge mitt or a rectangular cellulose sponge. Coat the surface evenly using a wooden stir stick or your hand (diagram 3A).

**Step 3B Glaze:** Begin in an upper corner and rub the glaze on the wall using a random circular action similar to applying wax to a car. Reload the glazing mitt or sponge often, and blend the areas as you move along the wall (diagram 3B). As the mitt or sponge dries out, you may go back over any areas to lighten the glaze coverage and reveal more of the texture and base coat color. Once dry to the touch, gently remove the low-tack tape, reset your room, and enjoy your newly personalized space.

**Supplies:**
- Items needed for a 400 sq.-ft. wall area:
  - Contractor Series® faux technique sample boards
  - One roll of 2” low-tack/safe-release tape
  - Assorted drop cloths and rags
  - Paint tray
  - 9” roller frame
  - 9” Contractor Series® premium roller cover (3⁄8” nap)
  - Nylon/polyester brush
  - 6¼” roller frame
  - 6” Contractor Series® premium roller cover (3⁄8” nap)
  - 6” Symphony by Purdy™ Sea Sponge mini roller cover
  - Symphony by Purdy™ 10” finishing trowel
  - Symphony by Purdy™ sea sponge glazing mitt
  - Latex gloves
  - Two gallons of Faux Impressions™ Dimensional Basecoat
  - Two gallons of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte paint (base coat color)
  - One quart of Faux Impressions™ Latex Glaze
  - One quart of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte paint (glaze color)
  - 5-quart mixing container
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**Step 1B Back-Trowel.** While the product is still wet, softly smooth the surface by holding a finishing trowel nearly parallel to the wall and lightly dragging in a random, curving motion (Diagram 1B). Use gentle pressure so that you do not scrape off or completely flatten the high spots. This should result in varied shapes and depth of texture on your wall. Repeat this process across the entire wall, overlapping and feathering edges of each adjacent area. If you find that the texture is sagging or sliding down the wall after you back-trowel it, completely scrape it off and reapply in a slightly lighter thickness. Allow the texture to dry completely. This could take anywhere from four hours to overnight, depending on the thickness of your desired look, humidity and airflow. Check for wet areas and soft spots prior to beginning the next step.

**Step 2 Apply Base Coat Color.** Apply the label of 2.5-gallon bucket of Duration Home® Interior Latex Matte paint as your base coat color. Be certain that you are applying in an area that will not be disturbed after application. This may vary based on your home and setup, so make sure to keep all necessary safety and health precautions in mind. Prior to beginning work on your wall, read through the label directions and prepare all necessary safety precautions. When you're ready to begin, apply your base coat color by rolling your 9” premium paint roller into the product. If you need to cut into corners and around trim, use a brush to cut in and blend into the main body of your wall. Once your base coat color is dry, gently remove the low-tack tape, reset your room, and enjoy your newly personalized space.

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**General Preparation:** Clear the area of all decorative items and move furniture to the center of your room. Protect any adjacent surfaces such as ceilings, wood trim and baseboards by masking them with low-tack tape. Spread drop cloths over floors and furniture. If using a ladder, be certain that it is sturdy and will reach all necessary areas safely. Properly clean and prepare all surfaces prior to applying any products.

**Step 3A** Mix Decorative Glaze:

1. Pour 8 ounces of Faux Impressions™ Latex Glaze into a mixing container.
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3. Stir the contents to create a uniform solution.

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1. Begin in an upper corner and rub the glaze on the wall using a random circular action.
2. Reload the glazing mitt or sponge often.
3. Blend the areas as you move along the wall.
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**Diagram:**

- Diagram 1A: Texture application.
- Diagram 1B: Back-trowel finish.
- Diagram 2: Base coat color application.
- Diagram 3A: Mixing decorative glaze.
- Diagram 3B: Glaze application.
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