

# Decorator's Notebook



## Creating Dimension In Your Home With Faux Finishes

(NAPSA)—If you're looking for stylish ways to personalize your home, try a faux finish on your walls. Decorative faux finishing is a relatively inexpensive and easy home improvement project that helps give a professional designer look. Plus, do-it-yourselfers can complete a faux finish project in just a few days.

When choosing a finish, consider your personal style. For instance, homeowners can find a faux finish product that gives walls an old-world European "fresco" look. The finish lets homeowners add multiple colors in a single application and is available in 27 different color combinations. The finish—called Bellagio Faux from Behr—allows do-it-yourselfers to infuse intensity into otherwise lifeless walls quickly and easily, providing an opulent or casual look, depending on personal taste.

"Faux finishing adds incredible dimension and personality to any space by creating sophisticated



**Decorative Touch—Faux finishes provide a subtle yet sophisticated look to most any room.**

textures and illusions of depth," said Mary Rice, vice president marketing, Behr Paints.

Rice says Bellagio Faux is perfect for high-wear and moisture-prone areas like bathrooms, because it can be used without a protective top coat. The look is ideal for small areas such as entries and hallways but can also be used to create a refreshing atmosphere in larger spaces such as bedrooms, dining rooms and

living rooms.

Named after a town in Italy, the finishing product comes with two applicators: a brush and a trowel with rounded edges so homeowners can more easily achieve the finish on their walls. Also included are a step-by-step application guide and an instructional DVD. Here are some basic application steps:

**Step 1.** Select a color combination.

Optional: Roll on a flat enamel base coat. If you like your current low-sheen wall color, go to step 2.

**Step 2.** Apply Bellagio Faux in 3'x3' sections. Let the paint "set up" for about 15 minutes, depending on temperature, humidity and the surface. Then, knock down the white beads with a trowel.

Optional: Apply a metallic or pearlescent coat to create an alluring look with a metal luster or a translucent shimmering veil.

The finish is available at The Home Depot. For more tips and information, visit [www.behr.com](http://www.behr.com).