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Plaster Can Give Faux Old World Finish

(NAPSA)—It is the 21st century, but many Americans are looking for Old World decorating ideas for their homes. Wall treatments are one method that many do-it-yourselfers use to achieve the weathered finish that they want.

There are several “faux” methods for applying paints to a wall to give it tone-on-tone variations or multiple colors. Now there is a new product that allows a homeowner to create a subtle color variation with texture and highlights.

McCloskey Special Effects® Venetian Plaster gives the look of the cool, smooth polish of fine Italian marble. It is a layered application that ends up being dimensional.

The product is made with acrylic, crushed marble, lime and other pigments. It comes in 24 colors, with take-home chips that show the finish in every color.

Before applying the product, the walls must be prepared so that they have a smooth, matte surface.

- To apply the product, just follow the step-by-step instructions.

- Roll or trowel on a first coat of Venetian Plaster, smoothing it with a Symphony Blue Steel Spatula. Let dry for one to four hours.

- Apply a second coat with a large spatula. Third and fourth coats can be applied for more tonal variation and complexity of color and texture.

- Let the final coat dry to a matte finish and then burnish it



You can give your walls a dimensional and tone-on-tone look that will make them look wonderful.

with a spatula by holding the spatula almost flat against the surface and rubbing rapidly in a circular motion to polish the inert pigments in the plaster. Steel wool can also be used to blend the color variations more and produce a more even sheen.

If the wall will be exposed to moisture or high traffic, add a coat of Special Effects Venetian Plaster Protective Finish. You can also add additional colors or pearlescent glazes. Stencils can be used to create an embossed design.

McCloskey Special Effects® Venetian Plaster is available at fine paint suppliers nationwide. For more information, go to www.valspar.com.