

Paint Effects

Limewashing

Limewash was historically a very dilute form of quicklime applied to walls as a protective or decorative coating. Nowadays we use modern paints to produce a similar effect by applying a translucent or thinned coat of paint over a basecoat. Limewash effects work well over a plastered or textured surface such as Resene Sandtex textured finish.



You will need:

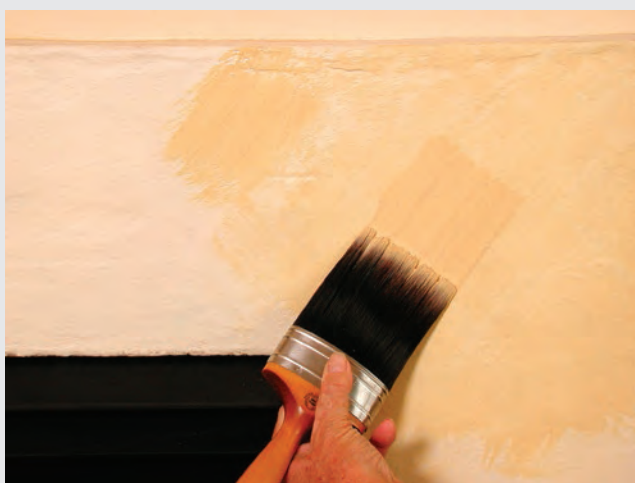
- 100mm-125mm paintbrushes (2)
- Container for mixing glaze
- Mixing stick
- Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Orchid White and Resene Putty
- Resene Paint Effects Medium
- Soft cotton cloth

Method:

1. Apply two coats of the base colour Resene Orchid White and allow to thoroughly dry. If you wish to use a textured basecoat replace the second coat of the base colour with a coat of the desired textured finish tinted to the base colour.

Mix an effects finish of 3 parts Resene Paint Effects Medium 1 part Resene Putty 1 part water

Dip about 10mm of the brush into the effects finish, tap the brush on the side of the container to remove the excess and place a few dabs of colour about 40-50cm apart over the basecoat. Moving the brush quickly in all directions, blend the colours.



2. Use a dry brush to soften and blur the edges.

A cotton cloth may be used to dab off heavier areas of effects finish and to help soften or remove brushstrokes.

When the first coat has dried thoroughly, you may apply a second coat to strengthen the colour or use another shade of the same colour to add interest and depth.



Tips:

You can vary the proportion of paint to Paint Effects Medium – the more medium added, the more translucent and subtle the finish will be.

Leave some of the basecoat unbrushed or cover very lightly so that there is a variation of colour between the basecoat and the effects finish coat.

Before you start your project try out different combinations and practice your application method on a piece of card until you are happy with the result. Resene Paint Effects Medium is available in 55ml testpots from your Resene ColorShop or online from the Resene website, www.resene.com.

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