

COUNTRY LIVING

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Classic Plaster



Decorative Finishes

by

Caromal Colours®



*Create timeless walls with the
elegant simplicity of plaster*

*T*he look and feel of real plaster walls just stirs an emotion that says ‘this home is inviting’. Plain white walls are just that...plain and white. But, when you add texture, movement and color you add character, warmth and charm. The variations of plaster are as numerous as the areas they come from, the materials used to create them and the hands that crafted them. Use our plaster to create your own mood and climate. Thick or thin, sandy or smooth, create and achieve the look you want without hesitation or worry that it is right or wrong...you just have to love it.

Tips & Surface Prep

- Create a sample board on a piece of poster board from a craft store painted the same color as the wall.
- Caromal Colours® Plasters can be applied over almost any previously painted surface. If you feel the wall surface is not a good quality paint, apply one coat of Caromal Colours® Wall Sealer or Basecoat, available at www.caromalcolours.com.
- Be sure the surface is clean and dry.
- Tape off areas that won't get the finish like ceilings and moldings. Press down, or burnish, the edge of the tape to insure a nice clean line. You can use ½ of a credit card with the edges sanded to be more rounded.
- Tape off the wall next to the one you are working on (adjacent wall) so that you only have to work one side of the corner at a time.



Rolling on Plasters



1. It usually takes a few rolls to “load” your roller with plaster. You will need to dip in the roller tray quite often to reload the roller.
2. You can add up to 10% water to your plasters if you are having a difficult time rolling them.
3. You can cover the surface completely or leave a bit of basecoat show through.
4. Roll thicker or thinner, even or uneven ...it just depends on how you like it.

Brushing on Plasters

1. To brush plaster on the surface, use a small brush for a small surface and a larger brush for a larger surface.
2. Brushed plaster textures can be crisscross, in a vertical direction, or have a random pattern.
3. Whichever way you brush will be your finish or will set up texture for your next layer.



Tips

1. Troweling is like spreading peanut butter . . . it is that simple!
2. Brush some material into corners and edges and trowel out from that material for perfect corners and edges.
3. Gradually ease the trowel onto the surface (like a plane landing). End your stroke (you guessed it) like a plane taking off.
4. Your troweling should be in graceful arcs or 's' shapes – not in straight lines.
5. Caromal Colours Plaster Kits come with a convenient plastic trowel. You may want to advance to one of our professional trowels if you are doing a large space. These are available at www.caromalcolours.com.

Troweling plasters...the basics



1. Load your trowel using a foam brush or any other tool with which you feel comfortable.

2. "Dropping off material" onto the surface, requires keeping the trowel flatter to the surface.



3. "Picking up material", requires holding the trowel more perpendicular to the surface.

Skip Troweling and Knocking Down the Plasters.



1. Spread some plaster onto your trowel like mayonnaise.

2. "Plop" the material onto the surface here and there and let it set up for 15-30 min.



3. Holding your trowel flatter, very gently knock down the peaks to create a more natural effect.

Skim coating plaster

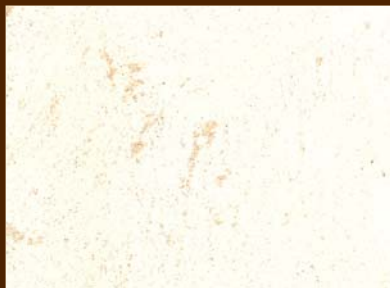


1. Skim coating is always done as a second layer.
2. Sanding your first layer of plaster makes skim coating less work.
3. Apply material to your trowel and tightly scrape it into the first layer.
4. You can cover your first layer 100% or leave some of the first layer show through.

Tips

- There are endless variations of plaster finishes all of them are correct if you love the way it looks!
- These finishes can be lightly sanded if you like . . . we use a sanding block, readily available from a home center.
- Any layer of your finish can be glazed to add color. Use Caromal Colours® Glaze as directed when the finish is dried. Sand first to make glazing easier. You can also add water to Caromal Colours® Glazes to give your plaster finish a “wash”.

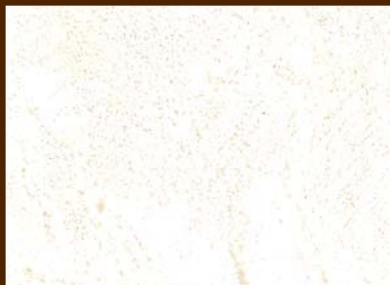
Plaster Variations



A. Caromal Colours® Sandstone rolled on, wait 45 minutes, knock down.



B. Same steps as A, then Caromal Colours® Tea Stain Glaze add 30% water & wash over dried Sandstone.



C. Caromal Colours® Sandstone brushed on crisscross. Skim coat Caromal Colours® Smooth Plaster.



D. Caromal Colours® Smooth Plaster troweled smooth. 2nd layer of Smooth Plaster skip troweled.

Caromal Colours® knows that color is part of your lifestyle. Whenever your home needs a fresh start, a little lift or a big change . . . color is usually involved.

With Caromal Colours® decorative finishing is fun because we have *demythified* the process.

The key to your success are our amazing, easy-to-use and diverse materials.

You will be overwhelmed by your results because these are *the materials* used by professionals!

These materials work over basically any surface, enabling you to apply these finishes not only to walls, but also to almost any object in and around your home.

All you need is your enthusiastic, creative spirit!

Caromal Colours® will help you finish a room, save an old treasure,
or customize anything you have in mind.

The possibilities are endless and you are only limited by your imagination.

Enjoy Caromal Colours® and you will understand how we can be . . . "The Icing on your Space!"

10 PAINTERLY POINTERS...

Have fun

Do it with a flair of your own

Remember, it's just a finish...and it is fun to watch it dry

Do it with a friend...children are great friends too!

Finish everything!

Show it off to a friend

Get a little crazy...maybe get some color on your socks

Give a finish as a gift

Go ahead...brag about it

Take time and enjoy the finishes!



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