



Lime Washing – Decorative Technique

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The "scrubbed-chalk" finish has been popular since the medieval period. This finish is versatile enough to be used for period rooms as well as modern interiors. For instance, lime washing looks great in a kitchen or porch, but works equally well in a bathroom or bedroom. It is a very easy finish to master and has the advantage of a short drying time. It does, however, require some work to expose the base color. The more the surface is rubbed, the more authentic it will look.

Materials Checklist

**Note: Amounts given will cover
100-sq.ft. of surface.**

- EZ-Kare Flat Finish in Your Color Choice
- 2 EZ-Kare or AccuFlo Synthetic Brushes
- EZ-Kare Flat White Paint
- Denatured Alcohol
- Mask
- Gloves
- Rags
- Drop Cloth
- Stir Sticks

Step 1: Apply Your Base Paint

Using EZ-Kare Flat Finish, apply your chosen base color to a properly prepared surface. Work freely with diagonal strokes. The result will be an uneven finish with some of the previous wall color noticeable. Allow 2-3 hours for the surface to dry.

Step 2: Apply Flat White Paint

Now apply EZ-Kare Flat White to the surface. Dip the brush into the paint; wipe the excess paint off the brush with a rag. Using very loose strokes, apply to the surface. Aim for an uneven finish by applying paint more heavily in some areas and allowing some of the base coat to show through in other areas. For a more textured look, apply another coat of paint. Allow 2-3 hours for the surface to dry.

Step 3: Rub Surface with Alcohol

After putting on a mask & gloves, dampen a rag with denatured alcohol and rub it firmly over the dry paint surface. Work some areas more forcefully than others as your objective is an uneven effect. Some of the paint will begin to diffuse and leave a cloudy, aged finish.

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